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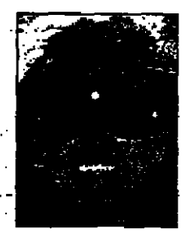
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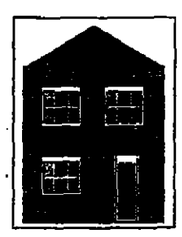
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President Clinton promises to end 'era of deadlock and drift'

■ President Clinton echoed the themes of the Kennedy era in his inauguration speech yesterday. His term of office is expected to be equally fraught with international problems

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WILLIAM Jefferson Clinton was sworn in as America's 42nd president at noon yesterday, ushering in a new generation of political leadership with an address deliberately echoing that of John Kennedy exactly 32 years before.

Pledging an end to "an era of deadlock and drift", he declared the start of a season of renewal in which all Americans should accept new sacrifices and responsibilities to rebuild their country.

With his predecessor, George Bush, sitting just feet away, the new president mourned an economy weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, inequality and deep divisions within the people. America had failed to face hard truths and take strong steps, he said: "Instead we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy and shaken our confidence." Now it was time to break the bad habit of expecting something for nothing, but there was nothing wrong with America that could not be cured by what was right with America.

At 46, Mr Clinton is the third youngest president in history and the first to have been born after the second world war. Throughout his 14-minute address he emphasised that youth as Kennedy had done, repeatedly returning to the theme of change. "The most urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy," he said. "This new world has already enriched the lives of millions who are able to compete and win in it. But when most people are working harder for less, when others cannot work at all, when the cost of health care devastates families and threatens to bankrupt our enterprises, great and small, when fear of crime robs law-abiding citizens of their freedom and when millions of poor children cannot even imagine the lives we are calling them to lead — we have not made change our friend."

Thanking the millions whose steadfastness had triumphed over depression, fascism and communism, he summoned a new generation "raised in the shadows of the Cold war" to respond to the fresh challenges of the age, declaring: "This is our time. Let us embrace it."

The post-Soviet world was being reshaped by profound and powerful forces and was threatened by ancient hatreds and new plagues. Though America was rebuilding at home, it would not shrink from international leadership and would support democracy wherever it was taking root: "Together with our friends and allies, we will work to shape change lest it engulf us."

In a speech long on themes, short on specifics, the president's only oblique reference to the hostilities in Iraq came when he insisted: "When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy where possible, with force when necessary."

On the domestic front, the former Arkansas governor promised political reform "so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people", declaring to the multitude stretching far down Washington's Mall: "Let's give this capital back to the people to whom it belongs."

But he repeatedly warned his compatriots that they, too, must play their part in the renewal. America's massive debt had to be cut, and that would mean pain. Americans had to take more responsibility, not just for themselves and their families but for their communities and their country. He challenged young Americans to a "season of service" among the needy.

Mr Clinton, who paid tribute to his predecessor's "half century of service", concluded with an almost biblical peroration that borrowed from another of his heroes, Martin Luther King. "From this joyful mountain top of celebration we hear a call to service in the valley," he proclaimed. "We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard. And now each in our own way, and with God's help — we must answer the call."

Mr Clinton had enjoyed only a short night's sleep before taking office, spending the eve of his inauguration at a star-studded gala at which he joined the rock group Fleetwood Mac singing his campaign's unofficial theme song, *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow*". Then he and his vice-president Al Gore went with their wives to a late-night church service.

Yesterday also began with an emotional early morning prayer service, followed by a briefing from Brent Scowcroft, Mr Bush's national security adviser, at which he was given the most potent symbol of an American president's power - the codes for lau nching a nuclear strike.

The new president then followed tradition in joining his predecessor for coffee at the White House before driving together to the Capitol for the inauguration ceremony. Mr Clinton swore his oath of office on a King James bible given to him by his grandmother when he was a child, after which he sealed his presidency with a kiss for his wife, Hillary, and a hug for his daughter Chelsea. In another echo of President Kennedy's inauguration, at which Robert Frost recited a poem, the poet Maya Angelou then read a work of her own called *On the Pulse of Morning*. The ceremony over, the Clintons escorted the Bushes to a helicopter on the far side of the Capitol in which the outgoing president departed for his new home in Houston, Texas, leaving his successor with a daunting series of global and domestic problems, Iraq merely the foremost. Mr Clinton was the first president since Richard Nixon in 1969 to be sworn in with US forces engaged in combat overseas.

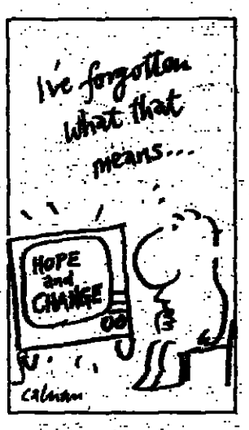
Within minutes, the first Democrat president for 12 years was signing the papers formally nominating his cabinet and implementing stiff new ethics rules for his senior appointees. He begins his term of office with just a few dozen aides in place to take over the reins of government, and most government agencies are unstaffed in key posts below cabinet level. Eventually, Mr Clinton must name some 4,000 senior policy makers; yesterday he had only a handful of State Department officials and a White House staff of 59.

Last night, after a spectacular inaugural parade, he and Hillary were attending a round of 11 inaugural balls.

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The three of us: President Clinton embraces his daughter, Chelsea, and wife, Hillary, after taking the oath of office



Awed crowd sees an early spring

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

AN extraordinary political journey from the humble town of Hope, Arkansas, ended yesterday afternoon in the magnificent shadow of the US Capitol in Washington DC, when Bill Clinton was sworn in as the 42nd President of the United States and promised what he called a new springtime in America.

The ceremony, a stark contrast in solemnity and grace after the frantic hype and bustle of the pre-inauguration celebrations, marked not only the transfer of power to a new leadership but also the coming of age of a new political generation.

A vast and awed crowd, stretching down the capitol steps, along Constitution Avenue and into the far distance, stood rapt in the crystal chill of the bright January sunshine as the new president first took the oath of office and then made what was, for him, a short speech, lasting less than 15 minutes and touching on many of the themes that had propelled him to the White House.

From behind a screen of bullet-proof glass he paid tribute to George Bush, but urged America to reclaim the political process which he said had been corrupted by intrigue and political calculation. Echoing John F. Kennedy's speech urging Americans to ask not what their country could do for them, but what they could do for their country, he said he aimed to "give more responsibility to all, and demand more responsibility from all".

The crowd filling to capacity the area in front of the capitol was an eclectic and excitable one: here were the fur coats and jewellery of the Democratic elite, but here too were the jeans, the baseball caps and the informality that have become the hallmarks of many in the Clinton entourage.

The thousands who began flocking to the steps of the capitol in the cold early morning were accosted by salesmen offering Bill Clinton T-shirts in every shape and size. "Wrap yourself up in the new president, he's the one goin' to keep you warm," bellowed one.

As the Clinton motorcade approached the seat of American political power, the choir sang "Mine Eyes have seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord" and the crowd broke into a spontaneous cheer, while high in the sky a lone helicopter chattered.

Some of the crowd could not help looking out of place, like Jan Wenner, editor of *Rolling Stone Magazine* and guru to the '60s generation that President Clinton represents. An incongruous figure, unshaven and plainly moved by an event he admitted he never thought he would attend, he waved and shouted as the motorcade drew into sight.

"I feel really emotional," he said. "It's beautiful. Let's hope it's the first of many."

After the boisterous parties, the concerts, the glitz and the glamour, there was something almost eerily serious in the moment when Mr Clinton

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France accuses Americans of hitting Iraq too hard

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS AND PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON

A CLEAR division emerged in the Gulf alliance yesterday when France accused America of going further in its attacks on Iraq than United Nations resolutions permitted.

France said that Sunday's cruise missile bombing of Baghdad was a disproportionate response to Iraq's actions. But John Major swiftly rejected the criticism, describing the bombing as wholly justified.

The prime minister told reporters at Downing Street: "I don't share that concern at all. This was a raid made by the United States rather than the allies because they had the equipment in site to do it.

"But there was discussion between the allies, including the French. The legal decision is quite clear. This was within international law and I think the United States was wholly justified. I have no reservations about it."

Downing Street has insisted all week that Mr Major was satisfied with the targets chosen, but the implication that he had to dissuade Mr Bush from attacking more sensitive sites has not been denied.

Mr Major voiced caution about President Saddam's unilateral ceasefire, which was holding yesterday. "We'll have to wait and see what he means by it. We've seen offers from him before. We've also seen the outcome of it before. Let's see whether there is any practical action. In particular let's see whether he is going to obey the Security Council resolutions without let, without hindrance and without frustration. That would be a great move forward."

In New York, a senior Western diplomat said that the French ambassador to the UN had told the Security Council on Tuesday that France regarded all the Western attacks on Iraq as "proportionate" to Baghdad's challenges. The diplomat said French public opinion on the allied raids was "wobbly" and suggested that yesterday's remarks by Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, were for domestic consumption rather than allied governments.

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Rules to change after Lamont legal dispute

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Robin Butler, head of the civil service, yesterday promised new rules governing special help for ministers after the dispute over the Treasury's £4,700 contribution to Norman Lamont's costs for evicting a "sex therapist" from his London house.

Sir Robin and Sir Terence Burns, permanent secretary of the Treasury, faced more than three hours of questions from the Commons public accounts committee on Mr Lamont's bill. They strongly denied that there was any attempt to cover up the payment.

Sir Robin said that there was no consolidated guidance for ministers to cover all such payments. "It is becoming increasingly the case that questions come up arising from ministers' personal lives which attach to their official duties. I think it would be a good thing to codify some of the advice and to put down principles drawing together all past experiences."

The committee was told that Mr Lamont asked a lawyer to take eviction proceedings against Sara Dale on the advice of friends, not of officials. Sir Peter Middleton, the former Treasury permanent secretary, said: "This lady was not an ordinary tenant. The press was trying to make a connection between her and the Chancellor. It was undoubtedly affecting his official business and his ability to perform his official duties."

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The biggest ever party in Washington is over. The challenge begins of leading the most



Drawing conclusions: cartoonists Gable, left, of *The Globe and Mail* in Toronto, and Serguei, of *Le Monde* in Paris, deliver their verdict on how Saddam will be a constant irritant on the Clinton agenda

Major's words of welcome mask fear of the unfamiliar

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

■ The prime minister's difficulties in building personal links with the president are likely to be less important than the current policy strains between London and Washington

THE message from Downing Street last night sounded too contrived. John Major and Bill Clinton are of the same generation, have had similar experiences, shared backgrounds and get on well. The implication is that everything will carry on smoothly between London and Washington. Sir Bernard Ingham had a term for that: "bunkum and balderdash".

Mr Major and Mr Clinton may be only a few years apart, but they are very different people with widely contrasting experiences. They *may* in time get on well. Both are committed politicians interested in detailed policymaking. Nobody, however, knows yet.

The strenuous efforts yesterday to talk up the relationship underline the apprehension in London, compounded by recent strains in transatlantic policymaking. British ministers do not yet know what to make of the new president and how he will react to unpredictable foreign events. This uncertainty is not primarily to do with ideology, but with personal unfamiliarity. The dispute over the role of Conservative Central Office advisers in the Bush campaign has provided a sour, short-term background.

Mr Major's advisers recognise that it will take months for him to build as close a working relationship with Mr Clinton as he had with George Bush. Ray Seitz, the American ambassador in London, and Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador in Washington, have been doing their best. Sir Robin recognised Mr Bush's vulnerability early on and started building informal links with members of the Clinton camp: for example, Anthony Lake, the new national security adviser. That may help at a practical level, but most of the rest of the Clinton team are unfamiliar.

Personal links should not be exaggerated. Relations between countries are essentially determined by their national interests. The much-trumpeted close relations between Churchill and Roosevelt have subsequently been shown to have been strained, particularly from 1943 onwards as America became the dominant partner in the alliance. Similarly, while Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan enjoyed close relations as fellow battlers against communist expansionism and big government, there were often strains below the surface over particular policies.

Shared ideology and party affiliation only have a limited influence. Fellow conservatives Richard Nixon and Edward Heath never got on well, in part because the prime minister pushed British policy firmly in a European rather than an Atlanticist direction. The Democrat Lyndon Johnson never really respected Harold Wilson because of his refusal to commit even a token British contingent to Vietnam. By contrast, the Democrat John Kennedy and the patrician Tory Harold Macmillan worked closely.

Close personal relations can matter in moments of tension. Macmillan's personal influence was crucial in persuading Kennedy in December 1962 to agree to provide Polaris after Skybolt was scrapped and when many in the State Department wanted to end Britain's nuclear role. During the 1980s, Baroness Thatcher intervened a number of times to influence the Reagan administration's discussions on arms control.

These personal links are now missing. Moreover, the change-over is occurring at a time of strain in British-American relations. There were admitted tactical differences last weekend over the selection of targets to be attacked in Iraq, even though there is strategic agreement over containing President Saddam Hussein. Britain has also been more cautious than America about military involvement in Bosnia, because we have troops there. There is also frustration in London about American attitudes towards completing the Gatt trade talks, and an acceptance that the Group of Seven co-ordination of economic policies has suffered in the past two years and needs to be revived.

British officials claim to be reassured by what Mr Clinton has been saying about Iraq, Bosnia and Libya. His caution about admitting refugees from Haiti — depicted as a broken promise in America — is seen in London as realism.

Talk of the new president concentrating on domestic policy is viewed sceptically in London, as Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in an interview with *Newsweek*. "I remember vividly when Margaret Thatcher was leader of the Opposition. She said to me, 'Douglas, I'm not getting into foreign affairs when I become prime minister; it's what happens at home that counts.' If the world doesn't allow the British prime minister to make such an absolute choice, it won't really allow the president of the United States to make it. The world is in a disorderly state, and the US has a special position." That is why London is watching minutely everything said in Washington.

□ Five thousand miles away, and five hours in front, Britain's Labour movement celebrated Bill Clinton's inauguration in a peculiarly English way: with a tea party (Philip Bassett writes).

Carefully hiding their sighs of regret that, if last year's general election had gone differently, this could have been them instead of him, the Labour glitterati, led by John Smith, gathered at a hotel in Mayfair, central London, to toast the new president with tea, cucumber sandwiches and a drop of harder stuff for those stalwarts unused to such genteel pleasures.

In front of a giant television screen relaying the ceremony, Mr Smith gave a formal welcome to President Clinton. Noting that he had a "daunting" task before of him, Mr Smith drew parallels between Labourism and Clintonism: investment, growth and working together for community and country.

Clintonism is not unequivocally welcome in the British Labour party, but the traditionalists were well in hiding last night. This was an evening for the modernisers, the new Labour revisionists for whom Clinton is the new icon.

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It must be excessive: Donald Trump says so

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

Finally the inauguration has gone over the top. Washington has reached exploding point, the hotels are giving way at the seams with the army of Democratic ballgoers, party-givers, political contributors and would-be office holders.

The homeless on Washington's streets have not just been fed by the excess food from the myriad events, they have been gorged (Jean Louis restaurant, for example, distributed devilled eggs stuffed with chopped liver to the needy, and perplexed).

Buildings have become unrecognisable from the swaths of flags and bunting. It is no longer worthwhile to list the celebrities who have turned out to dance, sing and embrace the Democrat victory; it is easier to say who has not: namely, Charlton Heston.

We know it has gone over the top because the man who knows more about going over the the top than anyone else in America says it has. From his tower in New York, Donald Trump has pronounced: "It's getting to be a little too much."

Inevitably, when too many excited people are crammed into too small a space, strange things happen. On the night before he took office, Bill Clinton prayed, not just a knee-bend for the cameras at the Arlington National Cemetery, but for two full hours at the First Baptist Church of Washington, finally ending his communication with the deity at 1.20am.

The streets of Washington achieved a new phenomenon: limo-lock, a variation of traffic gridlock caused by the superabundance of unnecessarily long vehicles hired from as far away as Alabama to ferry the rich and exhibitionist to the grandest party the capital has ever seen.

On Dupont Circle in Washington last night, the traffic simply ground to a halt, as no fewer than 12 stretch-limos tried to navigate the roundabout at the same time. A hapless taxi driver, caught in the mêlée, could take the strain no longer. He abandoned his taxi and passengers, leapt from the car and ran shouting into the night.

If the streets have taken on a bizarre air, something equally strange is happening to what remains of the American government. At midnight on Tuesday, Lawrence Eagleburger, the Secretary of State, resigned and Arnold Kantor, the under secretary of state, took over — for just 12 hours, until Bill Clinton was sworn in. But Mr Kantor's will not be the shortest tenure of office in this strange twilight zone, for he was replaced by Frank Wisner, the under secretary of state for international affairs, who held the post for three hours until 3pm yesterday when Warren Christopher was finally confirmed as Secretary of State.

By 10.30am yesterday the eagerly awaited Colorado Precision Lawn Chair Demonstration Team was going through its paces to warm up the crowd along the inaugural parade route: 11 men brandishing lawn chairs in a rather menacing manner and marching to a military beat, while rank upon rank of cheerleaders surged along the route behind them like a cloud of frilly locusts.

Just in case things had not become surreal enough, Elvis impersonators began turning up everywhere introducing themselves, in one case, as "the biggest name in show business in this world or the next".

Perhaps the weirdest contingent was the army from the South, taking Washington at last in a cloud of perfume, stetsons and country music, ye-hawing their way to power. Suddenly the life and times of Bill Clinton has become a Southern fried ode, a good ole tale of how the boy came good. Said the cartoonist Doug Mariette: "Clinton never knew his real Daddy, who was killed in a car wreck. His mamma's been married five times and she buried three husbands. His stepdaddy was a drunk, his brother went to prison. Hell, Bill Clinton's life is a country music song."

'Time to make change our friend and not our enemy'

THE following is the partial text of President Clinton's inaugural address:

"My fellow citizens:

Today, we celebrate the mystery of American renewal. This ceremony is held in the depth of winter. But, by the words we speak and the faces we show the world, we force the spring. A spring reborn in the world's oldest democracy, that brings forth the vision and courage to reinvent America.

When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and our purposes to the Almighty, they knew that America, to endure, would have to change. Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve America's ideals — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our time, our mission is timeless. Each generation of Americans must define what it means to be an American.

On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor President Bush for his half-century of service to America, and I thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over depression, fascism, and communism.

Today, a generation raised in the shadows of the Cold war assumes new responsibilities in a world warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still by ancient hatreds and new plagues. Raised in unrivalled prosperity, we inherit an economy that is still the world's strongest, but is weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality and deep divisions.

Profound and powerful forces are shaking and remaking our world, and the urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy. This new world has already enriched the lives of millions of Americans who are able to compete and win in it. But when most people are working harder for less, when others cannot work at all, when the cost of health care devastates families and threatens to bankrupt our enterprises, great and small, when fear of crime robs law-abiding citizens of their freedom and when millions of poor children cannot even imagine the lives we are calling them to lead — we have not made change our friend.

We know we have to face hard truths and take strong steps. But we have not done so. Instead, we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy, and shaken our confidence. Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. Americans have ever been a restless, questing, hopeful people. And we must bring to our task today the vision and will of those who came before us. From our Revolution to the Civil War, to the Great Depression to the civil rights movement, our people have always mustered the determination to construct from these crises the pillars of our history.

Thomas Jefferson believed that to preserve the very foundations of our nation, we would need dramatic change from time to time. Well my fellow Americans, this is our time. Let us embrace it. Our democracy must be not only the envy of the world but the engine of our own renewal. There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America. So today, we pledge an end to the era of deadlock and drift — and a new season of American renewal has begun. To renew America, we must be bold. We must do what no generation has had to do before. We must invest more in our own people in their jobs and in their future, and at the same time cut our massive debt. And we must do so in a world in which we must compete for every opportunity. It will not be easy; it will require sacrifice. But it can be done, and done fairly, not choosing sacrifice for its own sake, but for our own sake.



Season of renewal: President Clinton delivering his inaugural address in which he pledged to end the era of deadlock and drift in America

We must do what America does best: offer more opportunity to all and demand more responsibility from all. To renew America, we must revitalise our democracy. This beautiful capital, like every capital since the dawn of civilisation, is often a place of intrigue and calculation. Powerful people manoeuvre for position and worry endlessly about who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting those people whose toil and sweat sends us here and pays our way. Americans deserve better. And in this city today, there are people who want to do better. So I say to all of you here, let us resolve to reform our politics, so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people. Let us put aside personal advantage so that we can feel the pain and see the promise of America.

To renew America, we must meet challenges abroad as well as at home. There is no longer clear division between what is foreign and what is domestic — the world economy, the world environment, the world Aids crisis, the world arms race — they affect us all. Today, as an old order passes, the new world is more free but less stable. Communism's collapse has called forth old animosities and new dangers. Clearly America must continue to lead the world we did so much to make.

While America rebuilds at home, we will not shrink from the challenges, nor fail to seize the opportunities, of this new world. Together with our friends and allies, we will work to shape change, lest it engulf us. When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary. The brave Americans serving our nation today in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia, and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve.

But our greatest strength is the power of our ideas, which are still new in many lands. Across the world, we see them embraced — and we rejoice. Our hopes, our hearts, our hands, are with those on every continent who are building democracy and freedom. Their cause is America's cause.

The American people have summoned the change we celebrate today. You have raised your voices in an unmistakable chorus. You have cast your votes in historic numbers. And you have changed the face of the Congress, the presidency, and the political process itself.

Yes, you, my fellow Americans, have forced the spring. Now, we must do the work the season demands. To that work I now turn, with all the authority of my office. I ask the Congress to join with me. But no President, no Congress, no government, can undertake this mission alone. My fellow Americans, you, too, must play your part in our renewal.

I challenge a new generation of young Americans to a season of service — to act on your idealism by helping troubled children, keeping company with those in need, reconnecting our torn communities. There is so much to be done — enough, indeed, for millions of others who are still young in spirit to give of themselves in service, too.

Today, we do more than celebrate America; we rededicate ourselves to the very idea of America: an idea born in revolution and renewed through two centuries of challenge; an idea tempered by the knowledge that, but for fate, we — might have been each other; an idea ennobled by the faith that our nation can summon from its myriad diversities the deepest measure of unity; an idea infused with the conviction that America's long heroic journey must go forever upward.

And so my fellow Americans, as we stand at the edge of the 21st century, let us begin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

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powerful nation on earth out of its economic decline amid a morass of global tensions

Little Rock's relative values take over town

■ The Clintons have prepared for nearly three months to move into the White House. But is the White House really prepared to receive the Clinton clan?

FROM KATE MUIR IN WASHINGTON

BILL and Hillary Clinton will wake up this morning in that big presidential bed to the sound of secret service agents in the Rose Garden beneath their window. For a moment, they will sigh with relief, until they remember, with a Boxing day sense of letdown, that the relatives are still at the White House.

In the best bedrooms, lurking in the corridors, examining the furniture, the rugs, the pictures, the chins, will be the vast Clinton and Rodham clans. A president can choose his cabinet, but not his relatives. The Kennedys, it should be noted, were so badly behaved that as soon as they got through the door they all went and bounced on Abraham Lincoln's bed.

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Roger Clinton, the president's somewhat embarrassing singing brother, insists that he will not go home until he has played football on the White House lawn with Billy. Virginia Kelley, the president's much-married mother, is expected to remain in one of the bathrooms for the hour it sometimes takes her to apply her dramatic make-up. Meanwhile, Linda Bloodworth Thomason and Harry Thomason, friends who are as good as relatives, will be trying to add some decorum.

Now here is an interesting precedent. Mrs Clinton's parents, Dorothy and Hugh Rodham, and her two younger brothers accompanied the Clinton newlyweds on their honeymoon to Acapulco, and even stayed in the same hotel. Later, they moved to Little Rock, so their record suggests a pretty constant presence in the White House. The Rodham brothers, Tony and Hugh, work respectively as a private investigator and a public defender in Miami, and were regulars at the governor's mansion in Little Rock, Arkansas.

To entertain the ever-expanding clan, Mr Clinton has announced his intention of renovating the White House bowling alley as soon as possible. Mrs Clinton also noted on her visit with Barbara Bush last year that they would need to build more shelves for her husband's books. A visit by *Metropolitan Home* magazine to the Arkansas mansion indicated that the Clintons were fond of jokey items such as frog paperweights and cushions embroidered with slogans such as "'Raise and Spend". There were four glass cases containing Mr Clinton's collection of political campaign badges. Comfort outweighed elegance.

That is not to say that the new regime's formal dinners will not be madly coveted. Pamela Harriman, the Democratic doyenne, is certainly owed a meal after 12 years campaigning and socialising in opposition. The Friends of Bill and Hillary (FoBs and FoHs) and half of Hollywood can expect an embossed invitation within weeks.

Chelsea, who next month will go from 12-year-old First Child to become First Teenager, is expected to start at the $10,000 (£6,500) a year Sidwell Friends, a Quaker school that may have to compromise its peaceful principles when her heavily armed security guards roll in. Along with Socks, the First Cat, she has brought some school-friends up from Arkansas for the inauguration celebrations.

Arkansas food will be in too. The president's favourites include fried catfish, Little Debbie snack cakes, ribs from Sim's Bar B Que in Little Rock, macaroni cheese, devilled eggs, stuffed pork chops and Tex-Mex. The White House chefs are already studying seminal works by John Egerton, author of *Southern Cooking* and *The Americanization of Dixie*, who claimed in *The Washington Post* that Mr Clinton thrives on "the six major southern food groups — sugar, salt, butter, eggs, cream and bacon grease".

Another tradition from Arkansas days will be Mr Clinton's morning jog. Secret service agents are worried by this, not because they cannot keep up with the slow, Southern pace but because there are six McDonald's within jogging distance of the White House.

Mrs Clinton is to take an office in the west wing of the White House, although traditionally First Ladies occupy the east wing. Clintonologists think the move to the west wing is an indication that the latest First Lady will be close to the policy-making machine. In a typically Clintonish piece of diplomacy, her office will be on the first floor, above her husband's, rather than next door.

Although Mrs Clinton has shown no signs of ordering vast sets of china or new curtains in Nancy Reagan style, she is taking an increasing interest in her clothes. Just as the Princess of Wales has stopped allowing the palace to list her designers to emphasise she is a serious person, Mrs Clinton has brought back the practice, perhaps to win back the stay-at-home, cookie-baking feminine women's vote. Aside from descriptions of the violet lace inaugural gown, the press has been thoroughly briefed on the fact that the First Lady this week wore a "carnation red cashmere dress by California designer Cliff Chally with long sleeves and a matching belt, topped with a Leslie Fay black wool coat with a faux fur trim, set off by a multicoloured floral print scarf".

☐ **Childhood memories:** Mr Clinton, who got more cheers than Mickey Mouse and Kermit the Frog at a pre-inaugural children's event, said he remembered doing "stupid things" as a child and being lonely. He also confessed he had always wanted to be president.

Answering questions sent in from American children and posed by Fred Rogers, children's television personality, at a Kennedy Centre event, Clinton said he knew from his teenage years he wanted to be president, or at least to be in public service. "I wanted to believe that if you ran for office and the people elected you to a job, that was a good thing to do and you could do good things for other people."

Asked if he had got angry, Clinton said he had, but had learned to control his anger as he grew older. "Yes, when I was a boy I sometimes got angry, and sometimes I did stupid things. But I would get mad and, oh, kick the ground, or smash my hand into a wall, or throw a ball, or throw a bat or something," he said.

Now, he takes a deep breath and counts to 10, he said." he said. *(Reuter)*

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Bright start: Bill Clinton waving on his way to an interfaith prayer service at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church before his inauguration

Verdict of history may blot out one-term loser's home defeat

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

GEORGE Bush left office yesterday, a one-term president spurned by his country despite America's finest military victory since the second world war and the fact that the Cold war ended during his presidency.

Showing no hint of resentment, Mr Bush extended a warm handshake to Bill Clinton who only 12 weeks ago he derided as a "bozo". At mid-morning, the Clintons and Gores arrived at the White House for coffee with the Bushes and Quayles. In keeping with custom, Mr Bush wrote a personal note to Mr Clinton while he awaited his successor's arrival at the White House. Then he took a final stroll around the grounds and paid a thank you call on the White House telephone operators.

After the ceremony, Mr Bush flew by helicopter to Andrews Air Force Base where friends had gathered to say goodbye. For the last time, he boarded Air Force One, the presidential jumbo jet, and flew off into retirement in Houston. But he refused to take the customary pool of reporters with him on the flight. Determined to be a private citizen again, he also vetoed plans for a glitzy hoe-down to mark his return to Houston.

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In the weeks since Mr Bush's astonishing defeat by a little-known governor of a minor state he has done his best to burnish his reputation — signing the world's most sweeping nuclear arms reduction treaty, bombing Iraq, rescuing Somalia. But whether history will judge America's 41st president more kindly than the 62 per cent who rejected him last November is not yet clear.

The single greatest indictment of Mr Bush's presidency is that after four years most Americans still have little idea of what he actually stood for. He won office by promising to continue the Reagan revolution, but was clearly no Reaganite. He promised to be the education president, the environment president and the president who won the war on drugs. But having squandered his enormous post-Gulf war political capital, he leaves behind scarcely a single piece of major legislation, just a record number of vetoes.

He promised a kinder, gentler America, but his political campaigning plumbed new depths of nastiness and intolerance. "Read my lips" will endure as a byword for political cynicism. He ignored both a health care system that was out of control and urban decay that culminated in the Los Angeles riots. He reached a major budget agreement with Congress, only to decry it later as his biggest mistake.

Unfortunately for Mr Bush, this was the first election since 1936 fought on domestic issues. Fortunately, it is on his conduct of foreign affairs that history will more likely judge him, and his case in that department was eloquently stated last week in a valedictory speech by Lawrence Eagleburger, his Secretary of State: "History will note that on his watch occured the peaceful democratic revolution in Eastern Europe; the reunification of Germany and the inclusion of Germany in Nato; the end to regional conflicts, most importantly in Central America; the halting and later reversal of the nuclear arms race; and finally the peaceful collapse of a regime which commanded both the most formidable totalitarian apparatus in history and the fate of the world at its nuclear fingertips."

The counter-argument, however, was succinctly stated by Mr Clinton during the election campaign. For Mr Bush to take credit for the collapse of communism, he said, was like the cock taking credit for the dawn.

Polls this week showed Mr Bush's popularity back above 50 per cent and suggested he would be seen as neither a failed nor a great president. That verdict will surely change. Woodrow Wilson and Harry Truman are classic examples of how presidential reputations rise and fall long after the men are gone. More recently, Jimmy Carter left office reviled, but as fast as his stock has risen, Ronald Reagan's has declined.



Bush: flew out to begin new life in Houston

Crowds look to Clinton springtime

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raised his right hand, flanked by his wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea, and solemnly swore to execute the office of President of the United States to the best of his ability.

As the new president's speech ended, the crowd rose, shoulder to shoulder, and broke into deafening applause, while a thousand camera shutters clicked in unison.

Not only had the bands and street parties briefly fallen silent, but even the hostility and confrontation — from Baghdad to the confirmation hearings — that have coloured the inauguration of William Jefferson Clinton went into a temporary lull.

The theme of the Clinton campaign was the Fleetwood Mac song "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow" and yesterday as he stood waiting while his vice-presdient, Al Gore, was sworn in, he was plainly doing exactly that, biting his lower lip with characteristic intensity.

Just as characteristically, the outgoing President Bush glanced at his watch as the moment approached for the final handover power, perhaps anxious to be gone. A little later, when Mr Bush's helicopter lifed off after the ceremony, passing over the crowd, many waved and shouted farewell, all passion spent.

The finale to the ceremony, Maya Angelou's poem, "On the Pulse of Morning", delivered by the poet in a strong Arkansas accent, was a paean to peace and community in which she spoke of the trials of America "arriving on a nightmare and praying for a dream".

The ceremony and poem ended with a 21-gun salute echoing around the purpose-built auditorium and with words that have echoed throughout the political odyssey of President Clinton: "With Hope, Good Morning".

Measured and uplifting, the new President's speech was his best. He called on America, in the name of the nation's founding fathers, to have "the courage and vision" to change and reinvent itself. "Our challenges are fearsome," he proclaimed, "but so are our strengths."

Erect and smiling, the outgoing President Bush could not resist looking at his watch several times more, perhaps anxious to be gone from the final demonstration of his failure.

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Victim sees sex attack kidnapper sent to prison for 20 years

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN who was repeatedly stabbed, indecently assaulted and burnt watched from the back of the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday as her attacker was sent to prison for 20 years.

The woman, 27, whose hand was paralysed from the attack and who faces plastic surgery after her throat was slashed, hugged John Nutting, counsel for the prosecution, after the jury unanimously found Anthony Ferrira guilty of attempted murder, kidnap and indecent assault.

Outside the court, the woman, a fashion buyer, said: "My feelings are that he had to be off the streets. That overwhelmed my fears when I was giving evidence.

"I do not want any more memories. I want to get on with my life. I really do not believe that he should be allowed out to do the same things to anyone else. There can never be a long enough sentence."

The jury was told that the woman was rushing to an early morning meeting on February 18 last year when she was dragged into an empty home used by squatters and was brutally abused by Ferrira, who was high on crack. After the woman was forced to perform sex acts with Ferrira, he decided to kill her.

He hacked at her body with a broken bottle and knife, slashing her throat. She was stabbed ten times, leaving her so severely injured that she lost nearly five pints of blood and needed 100 stitches. She spent two hours in surgery.

The woman pretended to be dead by holding her breath and keeping still. Ferrira locked the room and set it on fire. The woman said: "I lay down to die. I was convinced that this was the end. I was feeling so weak. I could feel the heat of the flames. I was convinced I was going to die."

She was rescued when a neighbour smelt the smoke and broke down the door. The woman staggered naked into the street with blood streaming from her wounds.

Detective Inspector Alexander Brown described the victim as a "remarkable lady" and told the judge: "She still suffers some trauma but, through her outstanding personality, she has done her best to cope with this. As far as the Metropolitan Police are concerned, we are very proud about the way she has dealt with this ordeal."

Ferrira, unemployed, of Streatham, south London, claimed that he was not responsible for the attack. He insisted that it was a case of mistaken identity.

After the attack, Ferrira changed his appearance by shaving off his hair and growing a beard, but police found one of his fingerprints in the flat. He was sentenced to five years for kidnap, eight years for indecent assault and 20 years for attempted murder.

Judge Richard Lowry said that the woman's mental scars would probably never go away. He added: "It is almost a miracle she was not killed on the spot." He described her as a woman of great courage and strong personality.

Man arrested over schoolgirl's fatal stabbing

MICHAEL POWELL



In memory: Vicki Swift, 16, in silent tribute at the place marked by flowers where Claire Tiltman, her best friend, was murdered

A MAN was yesterday arrested by detectives investigating the murder of Claire Tiltman, the 16-year-old schoolgirl stabbed on the way to her best friend's house last Monday night (Bill Frost writes). Police last night refused to name the man, saying that the murder enquiry was still underway. The man was one of the first at the scene on Monday night and was taken into custody yesterday after giving an impromptu press conference outside Dartford police station. Miss Tiltman left her home at Horns Cross, near Dartford, Kent, to walk to a friend's house in Greenhithe and was within 400 yards of her destination when the attacker struck. She died by the side of a main road during the rush hour. Passers-by saw her stagger from an alleyway bleeding heavily from several deep wounds in what was an apparently random attack. Vicki Swift, 16, the dead girl's best friend, yesterday described Claire as a "gorgeous person". "Everybody liked her, nobody would hold a grudge against her."

Inspector Morse bows out in code

An estimated 20 million viewers tuned in to what was claimed to be the last episode of *Inspector Morse* on ITV last night ... and were left with a maddening mystery. Barrington Pheloung, 38, the musician who wrote all the music for the series, said yesterday that Morse's first name, which had never been revealed before, was tapped out in code in the incidental music "somewhere towards the end of the episode".

He said: "Morse does have a christian name; the initial is E. I actually spell it out but I can't disclose it." Mr Pheloung said that he tapped out "Ta ta John, ta ta Kev" — for John Thaw (Morse) and Kevin Whately (Sgt Lewis) — and then "Ta ta X".

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Judge to see TV film

A High Court judge will be asked tomorrow to view a documentary on serial killers that includes an interview with Dennis Nilsen, the mass murderer, in the latest move to overturn a ban on it being broadcast. Yesterday the High Court in London adjourned an attempt by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to seek a further injunction to stop the interview being shown next Tuesday. Central Television told Mr Justice Ferris that it had not had time to prepare all its evidence. The company agreed to the continuation of the temporary injunction to stop the interview being shown at press preview, granted by the judge late on Monday night, until tomorrow's hearing.

Drug centres 'to close'

More than half of treatment centres for drug addicts and alcoholics expect to close within four months of community care changes in April, according to a survey published yesterday. At present the residential costs of addicts attending treatment centres are paid from the social security budget, but from April at least £20 million of funding will be transferred to local authorities. Of 91 drug and alcohol agencies surveyed, seven out of ten said they did not feature in council spending plans and predicted they would lose payments within four weeks of the change. Fourteen centres expect to close immediately, 12 in May, and 27 by August.

Missing girl arrests



Police have arrested two men in connection with the disappearance of a 15-year-old girl who has been missing since Saturday night. Sheriena Hankins, right, was last seen getting into a car at Westbury, Wiltshire, where she lives. Police said that the men were being questioned yesterday. A spokesman said: "We are treating it more seriously than just a missing person enquiry."

Land 'went to tailor'

Two car park companies tried and failed to buy a piece of council land which eventually went to Derek Hatton's tailor, Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, was told yesterday. The council refused the applications, saying that it intended the use the land itself. Hatton's tailor, John Monk, obtained the land for an annual rent of £10,000, the court as told. Mr Hatton, 45, and four others deny conspiring to defraud the council over the disposal of land below market value. The trial continues today.

St Clair Commons clue

Police investigating the disappearance of Lindi St Clair, the prostitutes' rights campaigner, have found a letter, written on House of Commons notepaper, in her hired car abandoned at Beachy Head, East Sussex. Half of it was stuffed into an empty champagne bottle. Det Supt Mike Bennison said the letter had been typed and sent to an address in Earl's Court, London, which she left last November. Officers in Brighton are sifting through videos and documents from her home in southeast London.

Branson rewards staff

Richard Branson is paying staff at Virgin Atlantic a bonus for their support during the High Court "dirty tricks" case against British Airways. The airline's 2,800 employees will share £500,000 from the damages award — around £178 each. The remaining £110,000 has been put aside for a fighting fund to aid free competition.

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Hospitals scent victory as ministers backtrack

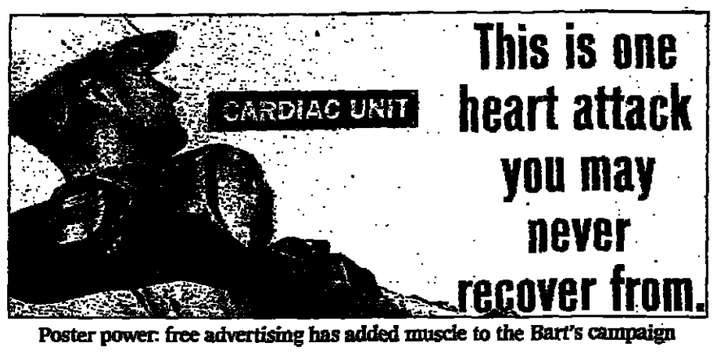
By Kate Alderson and Nick Wood

SIGNALS that ministers are backtracking over the Tomlinson plans for sweeping hospital closures in London, first disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, have been cautiously welcomed by campaigners.

They were also joined by more Tory MPs breaking cover to oppose the proposals. Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former minister, warned the government that it risked a repetition of the fiasco over pit closures if it pressed ahead with recommendations to close or merge up to 15 hospitals, with the loss of 2,500 beds.

"It has to be looked at again," he said. "We do not want another coal situation. It's far too drastic and nobody believes that there is an excess of beds in London. How can we have an excess of beds in London when many of my people face long waiting lists that cause them great trouble?"

Sir Rhodes, MP for Brent North, said that he was receiving a steady stream of closely argued letters opposing plans for closures of centres of excellence such as St Bartholomew's.



Poster power: free advertising has added muscle to the Bart's campaign

The Save Bart's Campaign has been slick, professional and media-friendly, the very model of a modern lobbying exercise. It has mobilised support from sections of the establishment which would never normally dream of signing a petition or getting involved in the politics of protest.

Yet no member of the ten-strong committee which has run the operation from a disused part of the hospital and collected 750,000 signatures, has any previous experience in publicity or campaigning. They are all patients or ex-patients, driven by the "debt they owe the hospital".

The news yesterday that Virginia Bottomley may reprieve the threatened hospitals, did not deter their will to gain a million signatures, nor their preparations for the candlelit procession of protest to St Paul's Cathedral last night.

That St Bartholomew's hospital has survived the Plague, the Fire of London and two world wars is not lost on Don Magnus, chairman of the campaign: "Bart's has always been open to everyone, and it will be open for ever more. Bart's is like a home to me. I've had six operations here, including a by-pass operation, and I won't allow those facilities to disappear for generations to come. What about the 40,000 outpatients who come here every year?"

The campaign was established on November 3 after the Tomlinson proposals emerged. Vigils, prayer meetings, petitions and processions have been the focus of their acitivities, culminating in a successful advertising campaign comprising ten hard-hitting posters pasted throughout London. The agency, Still, Price Court Twivy d'Souza Lintas, designed the advertisements free of charge and donations covered the £20,000 cost of materials and processing.

This type of generosity is not unusual. Within one hour yesterday morning, half a dozen people called in to the office to donate money. A letter from a Brixton prisoner told how he and fellow inmates were sending their allowances to the campaign. The High Commissioner of Malawi has been to the office to join signatories including Kathy and Ian Botham, Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor, the cast of *Phantom of the Opera*, staff at Holborn police station, and numerous lords and MPs. The campaigners claim that Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary and MP for City of London and Westminster South, has not replied to any of their letters.

Villagers overturn hostel plan

Plans to open Britain's biggest bail hostel in a Surrey village have been abandoned after protests by residents fearful of having alleged criminals living near them.

Surrey probation committee is to look at alternative sites for a 25-bed hostel instead of the 42-bed hostel proposed for Bramley, near Guildford. The original plan to convert a children's home in the village will go ahead only if a new location cannot be found.

The committee said that the new hostel should be smaller, to meet local rather than regional needs. The decision is a blow to the government's strategy of diverting alleged offenders from overcrowded prisons to hostels.

Worker fights Sunday sacking

A shop worker who claims that she was sacked for refusing to work on a Sunday has begun a test case at an industrial tribunal. Ruth Taylor, 50, a Baptist, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, is claiming that she cannot be forced to work because Sunday trading is illegal. Her costs are being paid by the Keep Sunday Special Campaign.

Her employer told the tribunal in Hull, Humberside, that her dismissal in July was the climax of a long-running dispute. The hearing continues.

Shoplifter, 79 filled house

Ten policemen spent a day removing £60,000 worth of stolen property from the home of a woman aged 79 in Southend, Essex. The 6,900 items of clothing had been stolen over 17 years, police said. The house was so full that detectives could not open the door.

The woman, who has not been named, will be released with a caution. Social workers are trying to find her a new home in a sheltered housing complex.

Film charge

Jane Giles, a projectionist at the Scala cinema in King's Cross, London, has been charged under the Copyright Designs and Patents Act over a showing of the film *A Clockwork Orange*. The film was withdrawn from distribution by its director and has not been shown in cinemas since the early 1970s.

Robber jailed

David Craig-Smith, 28, of Ash, Surrey, was jailed for five years and four months after holding up a bank with a cucumber that he claimed was a shotgun. Winchester Crown Court was told that, minutes before the robbery in Aldershot, he had appeared before magistrates on other charges.

Rave club shut

The Love Shack, a leading "rave" club in Blackpool, Lancashire, has had its licence revoked by magistrates after a police operation uncovered drug dealing, overcrowding and breaches of fire safety rules. Albert Brookes, the club manager, was ordered to pay £750 costs.

Student named

A student found dead in a car park in Cambridge on Friday was named by police as Neil Walker, 21, of Leicester, a chemical engineering student at Peterhouse. A post-mortem examination showed that he died from multiple injuries consistent with a fall.

Barking order

Dorothy Wintersgill, of Shafton, South Yorkshire, was fined £50 by Barnsley magistrates for refusing to obey a nuisance abatement order to stop her three dogs from barking. She will be fined a further £5 for every day that the dogs continue to bark.

Driver fined

David Erskine, 35, a stockbroker, of Pimlico, south London, was fined £4,200 and banned for three years by Horseferry Road magistrates, London, for driving while almost four times above the legal alcohol limit.

Police pay out

Rodney Taylor, 54, a former Liberal parliamentary candidate, of Stanbury, West Yorkshire, has received £5,000 from West Yorkshire police after suing for an alleged assault in 1981.

Cry of love

Lovers who propose on St Valentine's day on the Cobb sea wall at Lyme Regis, Dorset, will have the news announced by the town crier.

Baby almost died after mother put salt in milk

By Robin Young

A WOMAN who admitted almost killing her seven-week-old daughter with overdoses of salt was sentenced to two years probation at Hull Crown Court yesterday on condition that she received psychiatric treatment.

While her baby, Emily Buckton, was in the Hull Royal Infirmary, Debbie Rhodes, 25, emptied sachets of salt stolen from the hospital canteen into the baby's feed bottle, which was kept in a refrigerator on the ward.

Doctors were baffled as to what was making Emily ill, until she almost died and had to be resuscitated. It was discovered that she had a potentially fatal level of sodium in her blood.

Rhodes had been staying with Emily in the hospital after reporting that she was refusing food. When Rhodes was sent home the infant made a full recovery. On the mother's return the baby became ill again, arousing doctors' suspicions. Police and social services were told.

Rhodes, from Hull, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to two counts of administering poison. At that hearing, Judge Cracknell ruled that the child could be named after legal representations from the *Yorkshire Post* and the *Hull Daily Mail*.

Last November, Rhodes caused a nationwide police hunt when she abducted Emily from her foster parents. Geoffrey Marson, for the prosecution, said yesterday the Crown would not now be charging her with abduction in light of her guilty pleas.

Rhodes had told police she gave the baby salt to make her vomit because she did not think doctors believed that Emily had been genuinely ill.

Richard Newbury, for Rhodes, said that her baby had been off her food when she was taken to hospital. But Rhodes, who was suffering from depression and mental stress, started to poison the baby to get attention.

"The hospital became a sanctuary for her. She was obviously getting herself into a confused state. She remembered from her childhood that she had been given a salt solution when she had swallowed bleach. Her intention and only intention was to make Emily vomit when someone else was feeding her so that they would believe her when she said Emily was ill," Mr Newbury said.

He added that because of earlier publicity surrounding the case, Rhodes had been beaten up in the street and had had bottles thrown at her.

The judge told Rhodes: "You adminstered salt to your young baby. That was a wicked thing to do and caused the baby tremendous suffering and could have caused her death. The inference that you were suffering from some sort of illness is strong. Going to administer salt to your own baby to cause suffering must indicate that you were not thinking straight."

The child has been made available for adoption.

Jailers were warned youth was suicide risk

By Paul Wilkinson

A TEENAGER hanged himself with his prison shirt three days after police warned his jailers he was an exceptional suicide risk, an inquest was told yesterday. The family of Patrick Murphy, 16, claim that the Home Office ignored warnings that their son had tried to take his own life and might try again.

Murphy is one of 12 youngsters who have died in custody in the past two years. The pressure group Inquest, which campaigns for better psychiatric treatment for young offenders, provided legal representation for Murphy's family at the inquest into his death which began in Darlington, co. Durham, yesterday.

Staff at the Deerbolt young offenders institution in co. Durham had found Murphy dead in his cell last May. He had just begun a six-month sentence for burglary and theft in his home city of Hull. A pathologist said he had died from asphyxiation. The coroner was told that Murphy had been caught in an apparent suicide attempt 30 minutes after being sentenced.

Stephen Appleyard, a security officer at Hull magistrates' court, said he found the teenager in his cell as he awaited transfer to Deerbolt. "I opened his cell door and saw he had tied an anorak cord tight around his neck and the other end around his left foot, which he had stretched out. The boy was very dazed and on the point of becoming unconscious. We then placed him in an open cell. I filled out an exceptional risk form." The form was given to staff at Deerbolt by Murphy's police escort.

The inquest was told that Murphy's brother Daniel, 19, had also attempted suicide when in a young person's institution. He underwent psychiatric treatment and has recovered.

John Drakeley, the dead boy's social worker, had urged Hull magistrates not to impose a custodial sentence. "He was very close to his brother and was greatly affected by Daniel's experiences in custody. I felt he would not survive custody very well. I didn't think he made friends easily and would get picked on."

The inquest continues.


TONY WHITE

Homage to Bacon: Zsuzsi Roboz, a painter of painters, pins a study of Francis Bacon to the wall at the preview of Art '93, an exhibition of contemporary art featuring stalls from more than 70 galleries in the Business Design Centre, Islington, north London (Alison Roberts writes).

Ms Roboz's collection of 52 oil paintings and charcoal drawings of 28 British artists has taken three years to complete. At times her timidity threatened to halt the project. Too nervous to approach both Bacon and Lucien Freud, she tracked them down to favourite clubs and restaurants and sketched them unobserved from behind menus and "under the tablecloth".

The figure turning towards the shadows in the top Bacon portrait has prophetic significance, according to her agent, Michael Roosen. The painting was finished just three months before Bacon's death last year and the retreat into darkness was strangely appropriate. "I am not saying that Zsuzsi is psychic, but artists do tend to be extremely sensitive and in touch with these things," Mr Rooson said.

Disabled man wins £108,000 from police

By A Staff Reporter

MERSEYSIDE police are to appeal against the £108,500 damages awarded to a disabled grandfather who was flung to the floor of a police station and kicked.

William King, 59, who uses a wheelchair, will receive £20,000 of the award immediately. But a 28-day stay on the judgment was granted yesterday by a judge at Liverpool County Court to let James Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, lodge an appeal against the amount.

The force may also appeal against the jury's verdicts on the allegations of assault, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment of Mr King, of Mossley Hill, Liverpool.

Judge Marshall Evans QC said that the case "could turn into one of constitutional importance about exemplary damages".

Andrew McDonald, representing Mr King, a former chief clerk of works for Mersey regional health authority, said that although the award might "at first blush seem high", the jury had demonstrated its outrage by making £62,500 of it exemplary damages, to show that such behaviour would not be tolerated.

Peter Gregory, counsel for the police, argued that the amount was "excessive and out of proportion". "If the jury were so manifestly unreasonable in approaching the question of damages, that must call into question the manner in which they approached the factual issues," he said.

The court was told that Mr King went to Tue Brook police station, Liverpool, using walking sticks, in July 1990 to enquire about his son who had been arrested. He was refused access to him by Sgt Karl Kneale, the custody officer, and after Mr King repeatedly rang the bell the officer swore at him and told him to leave. When he again rang the bell he was arrested.

"He was hustled along faster than he could walk and his pleas to slow down were refused. He was grabbed by the neck and flung to the floor and kicked in the back," Mr McDonald said.

Mr King, who had no previous convictions, was arrested "on a trumped-up charge" of disorderly behaviour and detained for almost two hours, said Mr McDonald. Magistrates later acquitted him of the charge.

Mr King said afterwards: "I have every faith in the appeal court."

Irish women win fair play on the fairway

By Edward Gorman, Ireland Correspondent

IRISH women golfers, who for years have been treated as second-class citizens on the greens and fairways, are to be guaranteed equal membership rights in all golf clubs, the government said yesterday.

Announcing new legislation, Mervyn Taylor the republic's new minister for equality and law reform, said golf clubs that admit women must do so on a basis of full equality. "What we are anxious to do, so far as the golf club issue is concerned, is that each category of membership should be open to both men and women of any race, colour, creed and so on," he said.

The legislation, welcomed by women golfers' organisations, will not preclude the formation of clubs exclusively for men or women, ensuring that Portmarnock and Royal Dublin, two of Ireland's top clubs, can retain their men-only status. Likewise, Clane Golf Club in co. Kildare can remain a club exclusively for women.

Pat Turvey, secretary of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union, said that only about 50 of Ireland's 280 clubs allowed women full membership rights at present. In most cases "lady associates" were denied voting rights and were sometimes subject to restrictions as to when they could play.

Ms Turvey said it was important that the legislation made clear that full membership was optional, since many women would be unable to pay the full fee, which could be twice as much as the associate fee.

Discrimination against women golfers is also widely practised in British clubs. Jane Carter, editor of *Women in Golf*, said the majority of the estimated 2,300 clubs in Scotland, England and Wales did not offer equal status to women members.

Man given £20,000 to lift curse

By A Staff Reporter

A DEVOUT Christian woman handed jewellery and cash worth more than £20,000 to an illegal immigrant from the same Nigerian village to save her family from a curse, a court was told yesterday.

Eyo Eyo first duped Dorothy Adabonyan, 52, of Kennington, south London, by saying that a church holy man had had a vision that her nephew would die unless she gave him money, Simon Wild, for the prosecution, told the Old Bailey.

Eyo, who was staying at the Church of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star at Elephant and Castle, south London, was jailed for 18 months after admitting two charges of obtaining property by deception. Judge Denison ordered that he be deported after serving his sentence and pay his victim £5,800 compensation.

Press body invites prince to complain over tape stories

By Alan Hamilton

THE Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles are to be asked by the Press Complaints Commission if they wish to participate in an enquiry into the publication of the so-called Camillagate tape.

Mark Bolland, director of the PCC, confirmed yesterday that he would write to them to ask if they felt their privacy had been invaded.

Buckingham Palace, which has remained silent on the matter, could not say whether the prince or Mrs Parker Bowles would respond to the invitation. The commission has so far received ten letters of complaint from the public after the publication of transcripts of the tape in several British and Irish newspapers.

No formal complaint has been lodged by the prince, Mrs Barker Bowles or the Palace over the tape, alleged to be of an intimate telephone conversation more than three years ago. Any investigation by the commission would not be primarily concerned with the origin of the tape or how it came into the hands of newspapers, but whether its publication constituted a breach of privacy. The commission admitted that, without the co-operation of the prince and Mrs Parker Bowles, it would be impossible to conduct a proper enquiry, as one side of the case would remain unheard.


Parker Bowles: alleged conversation

Mr Bolland said: "Before we make a decision to investigate possible breaches of privacy we need to find out if the individuals involved are prepared to co-operate. In cases involving personal matters, people have a right to silence if they do not want the matters investigated." The commission accepted complaints from third parties about errors and other areas of newspaper conduct, as well as from those who felt personally aggrieved, but in cases of possible breaches of privacy the views of those directly involved were still vital.

Members of the commission will meet next Wednesday to discuss Sir David Calcutt's report on the press, which roundly condemned the commission as an ineffective regulator dominated by the newspaper industry.

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Estate agents fear new workload imposed by need to tell the truth

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE ingenuity of estate agents, those masters of the euphemism, is being tested to the limit as they search for new ways to make a hovel sound like a dream home without breaking the law.

The arrival of the Property Misdescriptions Bill in April will mean fines for agents who mislead buyers. Out will go "des res" or "bijou cottages" in favour of a range of balder descriptions. Some agents say they are planning to reduce property particulars to a simple name and address, as is the practice in France.

Others claim, with tongue only partly in cheek, that the new law will force them to offer such descriptions such as "Number 28 Acacia Avenue, believed to be a house. Includes gas-fired central heating (not checked). We have been advised by the client that Queen Elizabeth slept here (can't check)."

The more adventurous are planning to turn adversity to advantage and adopt the honest descriptions famously pioneered by Roy Brooks, the Chelsea estate agent who once advertised a property in the Sunday newspapers under the headline: "Filthy old house — fashionable Chelsea".

All the major chains are briefing staff on appropriate descriptions, and consultants such as David Perkins, a former president of the National Association of Estate Agents, are plying a roaring trade.

Tony Clark, general secretary of the association, said: "Agents are planning to veer on the side of caution. But there are some agents who will try and emulate Roy Brooks."

From April, when they can be reported to trading standards officers, facing fines of up to £5,000 and possibly lose their jobs, most agents will include only those property details they can check. If an agent in future describes a house as being only a five-minute walk from the station, then he will have to have walked it with a stop-watch in hand.

"This will cause particular problems," Mr Clark said. "For example, agents will have to check that central heating works, and this could mean sitting around for hours on a blazing summer day waiting for the heating to warm up."

If the seller says a damp-proof course has been installed, then he will need to furnish agents with proof. "The law will mean that owners should start keeping records of when for example, they have their house rewired," Mr Clark said.

The effort involved means that many agents will probably eschew adjectives or descriptions unless they can be proved with minimal effort. Agents will also be cautious until the first cases go up for trial and a body of case law exists which interprets the new legislation. Test cases as to whether a property really is desirable or beautiful are expected.

"This is a great problem," Mr Clark said. "Nobody knows what the judges are going to get their teeth into."

Harry Hill, managing director of the Hambro Countrywide chain of estate agents, one of the largest in the country, said: "Agents should be flippant at their peril. We are briefing staff about this at the moment, and are taking it very seriously. We will be keeping descriptions to a minimum which will save us work."

But Trevor Kent, a past president of the National Association of Estate Agents, running his own agency in Gerrards Cross, said he planned to continue putting in the odd joke in his particulars.

CHRIS THOMOND



Branching out: the Countryside Commission is hoping to have up to 1,500 miles of hedgerow restored during the next six years

Grants help hedgerows to turn over a new leaf

HUNDREDS of miles of hedgerow will be restored to their former glory in the first phase of a scheme to rescue one of the English countryside's most distinctive features from decades of neglect (Michael Hornsby writes). The Countryside Commission, the government's chief adviser on rural affairs in England, announced today that 463 farmers and landowners had signed contracts to repair nearly 400 miles of hedges during the next six years under the Hedgerow Incentive Scheme. Farmers can get grants from £1.50 to £2 a metre for laying and repairing hedges that have become overgrown or fallen into disrepair. A total of £4.3 million is available over the next three years, sufficient to restore up to 1,500 miles of hedgerow, the commission estimates. The total of hedgerows in England fell by a fifth between 1984 and 1990. David Maclean, the countryside minister, said: "Some of our most historic and environmentally important hedgerows will now be rescued from the brink of extinction."

Princess backs cash for therapy

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Princess Royal yesterday welcomed moves to provide more help for mentally ill criminals, but said she hoped that "sufficient funding" would be available to implement them.

"The present focus on improving services for this previously neglected group of people is to be welcomed," she told a conference at Oxford's John Radcliffe hospital, organised by the College of Occupational Therapists.

The conference will examine to what extent special hospitals and forensic services meet the needs of mentally ill offenders. The princess told delegates: "The rehabilitation of mentally disordered offenders is a developing area, not only for therapists but for all those involved in health and social care. It is to be hoped that sufficient funding will follow to allow many new ideas to be implemented."

Disordered offenders should have the same rights to a specific rehabilitation package tailored to their needs as others. She agreed that teaching offenders to live successfully in the community could be difficult to reconcile with the need to protect society. But the best method of protecting society was to provide effective rehabilitation.

"Recent events highlighted the concerns about the services which are available for patients with severe mental illness," the princess said. "If public anxiety is to be allayed, then services for mentally disordered offenders must be based on good research, be well organised and delivered by trained, motivated staff."

Death of novelist Plaidy

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

ELEANOR Hibbert, better known as Jean Plaidy, one of the most prolific and best-loved writers of romantic fiction, has died while taking a holiday cruise.

Hibbert, who also wrote under the pseudonyms Victoria Holt and Philippa Carr, wrote more than 200 novels, but was always vague about the exact number. All three names annually appeared on the list of the top 100 library authors, which means that each had had books borrowed at least 300,000 times a year.

The author was also vague about her exact age, but was thought to be in her early eighties. Her agent Mark Hamilton, of A M Heath, said that she had died on a cruise ship between Athens and Port Said.

She was born Eleanor Burford in south London and married George Hibbert in her early twenties. During the second world war, the couple moved to Cornwall where she discovered the small town of Plaidy, and her *nom de plume*.

She was soon producing two Plaidy novels a year, but it became clear that her output was too small for a growing body of fans. Victoria Holt and Philippa Carr were created to satisfy the demand.

Hibbert once said that she had started to read at the age of four. "I think its dedication more than anything," she added. "You see I'm more interested in this than anything else. I was determined to be a writer."

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The way it isn't



THE names on the list of the 20 Best Young British Novelists 1993 have come in for some criticism, but they seem exotic enough to me. These days, people much prefer to read about novelists than to read novels, so it is essential that their names should be sparky.

Louis de Bernieres, Tibor Fischer, Esther Freud, Hanif Kureishi, Candia McWilliam, Will Self, Nicholas Shakespeare and Ben Okri all sound every bit as compelling, mysterious and evocative as anyone on the 1983 list.

The importance of a writer's name should never be underrated. There is a journalist on *The Independent* called Keith Botsford whom I have never read, simply because his name is so dull. The same goes for the Booker Prize-winning novelist Barry Unsworth.

When I rave about the American novelist Anne Tyler nobody quite believes me, because of her name. The novelists who cause most excitement are those with surnames where their Christian names should be, such as Nicholson Baker, Truman Capote or Robertson Davies; the most skilfully named novelist of all time must surely be the near-symmetrical Ford Madox Ford.

Publishers of thrillers see the choice of pseudonym as vital to the success of a book. A thriller writer whose real name began with W was forced to choose a new name between A and H, so that his books would be at eye-level in airport bookstalls.

Among the more literary novelists, more bizarre names are at a premium. After all, Adam Mars-Jones is one of only two Best Young British Novelists to appear on both the 1983 and 1993 lists. And he still hasn't published a novel.

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Ministers threaten to block Heseltine's £700m subsidy scheme to rescue pits

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT AND PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ A cabinet dispute over coal has turned into a full-scale debate about the the government's industrial strategy

MICHAEL Heseltine has run into fierce opposition from his cabinet colleagues with his plan to rescue some of the threatened pits with about £700 million in subsidies.

A cabinet alliance led by Michael Howard, the environment secretary, Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is threatening to block the plan unless the President of the Board of Trade spells out that the subsidies are short-term and will be sharply reduced as the collieries close.

Cabinet ministers accept that Mr Heseltine will shortly have to announce a climb-down on the original closure plan, but there are clear differences on the the manner in which the new deal is presented. The dispute, which surfaced when a cabinet committee considered the plan on Tuesday, has turned into a full-scale debate about the principles of the government's industrial strategy.

Mr Heseltine is being privately accused by senior ministers of wanting to turn the clock back to 1960s style interventionism and using his plan to save up to half the 31 pits as a weapon in that battle. A well-placed minister said yesterday: "The message from this episode must not be that industries can survive through state mollycoddling."

With the cabinet believed to be some way from reaching a decision, senior ministers are also pressing for British Coal to meet some of the costs of the package for running down the coal industry, which they claim will cost £3 billion over three years. Ministers say that British Coal, which they blame for mishandling the closure programme, should take some of the burden off the taxpayer by selling some of its assets, including profitable open-cast mines in which the private sector is showing a keen interest, and by cutting back on the board's running costs.

Mr Howard is leading the battle within the cabinet committee against the plan as it was presented on Tuesday after preliminary meetings between Mr Heseltine, John Major, and Mr Lamont. The environment secretary is reported to be arguing for a "tapered subsidy".

The subsidy of about £10 a tonne favoured by Mr Heseltine would swiftly reduce. A well-placed source said: "It would be seen for what it is — a one-off rescue plan which is needed because of the mess we made of the original announcement."

Mrs Shephard is arguing that the large sums likely to be involved should be spent on job-creation measures in industries that have a future.

Other ministers are worried about the plan because of the effect on their budgets. One said: "We had to make sacrifices for the Autumn Statement. None of us really got what we wanted. DTI fouls up and we have to pay up."

British Coal has reached an outline deal with the electricity industry on its coal contracts which power companies believe could be the basis of a solution to the government's difficulties over pit closures.

The deal between British Coal and 11 of the 12 regional electricity companies is the result of months of negotiations. The agreement will not be signed before a cabinet decision but would be enough to secure the future of the remaining British Coal pits not earmarked for closure.

Industry insiders believe that the agreement will be able, after adjustment, to form the basis of a solution to the closure problem by accommodating 55 million tonnes, if that is the figure suggested by the outcome of the government's review — if necessary through a £10-a-tonne subsidy.

British Rail sell-off plan condemned by MPs

■ Tories on the transport committee fear that the government will not heed their criticism of the break-up of BR

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE government's plans to privatise British Rail were yesterday savaged by the all-party Conservative dominated Commons transport committee, which said in a report that the integrity of the passenger network was being jeopardised.

The hurried publication of the report will ensure a continuing row over the proposals, which will be spelt out in full tomorrow by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, when the government publishes its BR bill.

Robert Adley, the committee chairman, conceded that the government was unlikely to heed the criticism. He said he feared that "pig-headed ministers might close their eyes, shut their ears, put their heads down and charge on regardless".

In its interim report, the committee suggests that the government's proposals will prove unworkable, and questions whether private sector money would be able to stabilise the existing network and prevent further decline.

Last night Mr MacGregor attempted to defuse the row by claiming that the only difference of substance between him and the committee was whether the private operators should be responsible for running a service in its entirety or whether track and infrastructure should be separately managed.

According to the authors, who praise British Rail for having a "creditable record", the government's plans for the future of the railways are surrounded by "crucial areas of uncertainty". The report attacks the government for its "compressed timetable", and questions the whole basis of the plans to sell off passenger services to franchise-holders who will use track owned and maintained by Railtrack, the non-privatised remnant of British Rail. Railtrack, the report says, will have no apparent incentive to act efficiently, while there could be a blurring of responsibility for safety and quality of service without the retention of an integrated system for trains, track and signalling.

Mr MacGregor yesterday rejected claims that there was substantial Tory opposition to the plans, saying it was the few critics who received the publicity. "The idea that there are only a few supporters is absolute nonsense."

Mr Adley, who has been criticised by some Tory committee members as unrepresentative of Tory back-bench opinion on the subject", said the government could be getting itself into a position from which it felt unable to retreat. "They did it with the poll tax. I hope they do not do it with the future of the railways."

Gwyneth Dunwoody, a committee member, claimed that the privatisation plans were "in the most outrageous muddle". Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, said: "Privatisation may bring a few caviare and champagne trains but it will produce an enormous threat to the bread-and-butter services."

The report poses a series of questions which the committee regards as unresolved issues, ranging from investment and safety to staff morale. On investment, it asks whether there will be sufficient incentives to allow big projects such as Crossrail, the Channel tunnel link, and Thameslink 2000 to be developed. It questions whether the private sector will be likely or willing to raise the money needed to prevent further decline.

The MPs ask whether:

☐ BR staff may become demoralised by being left to run only services not sufficiently attractive to franchise holders.

☐ The plethora of new bodies envisaged might prove rigid and bureaucratic, discouraging potential operators.

☐ Franchisees will benefit from facilities provided by taxpayers on lines which have benefited from high investment.

☐ The government's proposals could be relied on to preserve "a national timetable, good connections, through ticketing, and cross-validity of tickets at discounted fares.

☐ The government's declared goal of a shift of freight from road to rail is attainable.

☐ The concept of franchising is compatible with the principle of competitive open access for passenger services.

Mr MacGregor has already moved to resolve the apparent conflict between allowing all operators "open access" to lines and granting exclusive franchises. Effectively ruling out competition on the same lines, he said: "If some individual franchises have to be exclusive in whole or in part, then they will be made so."

Whatever happens, rail privatisation will not be a "big bang" process. It is envisaged that eventually there may be up to 40 franchise holders, but that will not happen for a decade or more. The first four or five are expected to begin operations next year.

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TIM BISHOP



Looking in: Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, embattled over the question of pit closures, arriving at 10 Downing Street yesterday

AROUND THE LOBBY

Jobless toll set to rise

The government will today announce another rise in unemployment, the 32nd monthly increase in succession. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, will also disclose new figures for the increase in average earnings, which City economists expect to show a slight fall from last month's 5.5 per cent.

A new study from the Employment Policy Institute, an independent think-tank, says that if growth is to occur without inflation, labour shortages and wage settlements must not lead to earnings pushing ahead of productivity.

No debate

A request from Gordon Prentice, Labour MP for Pendle, for an emergency debate on the decision of Smith and Nephew to end denim production at its plant in Colne was turned down by the Speaker.

Flight plan

A bill to require the operators of small and micro-light aircraft to carry third party insurance was introduced in the Commons by Anthony Coombs (Wyre Forest, C).

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; prime minister. Debate on Iraq and the RAF.
Lords (3): Debate on EC environmental policy.

Labour gets free vote on lottery

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WIDE divisions among Labour MPs over the desirability of a national lottery surfaced yesterday as a Commons committee boosted the pools industry by saying that it should not be put at a disadvantage by the new venture.

With the Parliamentary Labour Party split down the middle, the shadow cabinet decided last night that Labour MPs should be given a free vote when the bill introducing the lottery comes before the Commons next Monday. The decision effectively means that the bill will go through Parliament and Britain will follow other European countries down the lottery road.

At a Labour party meeting yesterday several MPs from Merseyside, home of the pools industry, attacked the lottery and said that it would cost jobs.

The Tory-controlled national heritage select committee disappointed the government yesterday by saying that the lottery and the pools industry must be treated equally. Its report was an important boost to the pools industry, which had said that more than 1,000 jobs were at risk if the lottery plans survived in their present form.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, said when he introduced the bill that the lottery would create a new private sector business and new jobs. He made a distinction between the luck of a lottery and gambling on the pools.

The committee found that there were "substantial" similarities between the two. "In order to avoid placing the pools business at a disadvantage, the committee recommends that the lottery and the pools should be treated equally with regard to advertising in all media; in the marketing of their products; in the ability to roll over jackpots; and in the way the pools are promoted to clients who do not wish to exercise the use of skill and judgment," the report said.

It found "unconvincing" Mr Brooke's argument that skill was a factor in filling in pools coupons, while lotteries were games of pure chance. "Over 90 per cent of pools players use the same numbers every week, making the pools in effect a lottery rather than a game of skill," it said.

The committee called for the national lottery's headquarters to be established in "those areas affected by jobs losses in the pools industry".

It said it "remained concerned" that competition from the lottery would have an adverse effect on charity donations and called for government monitoring of the possible impact. It welcomed the government's "categorical assurance" that allocations of money from the lottery would not be regarded as substitutes for public funding and said it was "imperative that there should be no reductions in such funding programmes, either in cash terms or in real prices".

Mr Brooke said last night that he was disappointed that the report focused so heavily on the interests of the pools industry. "The pools and the national lottery are quite different." The lottery would be aimed at a new audience: those interested in the good causes it supports and those without the skill, or inclination, to bet on the football pools.

Opposition tacks on Maastricht

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBERT MORGAN

LABOUR changed tactics on the Maastricht bill for the first time yesterday by actively assisting the government in speeding up its passage through the Commons.

It moved the closure of the debate on the bill's education and training provisions to ensure that the contentious social chapter of the treaty was dealt with in prime debating time. The move followed another anguished debate among Labour MPs yesterday over the strategy for the bill's protracted committee stage.

At yesterday's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, anti-Maastricht MPs led by Dennis Skinner argued that Labour had a duty to oppose the government irrespective of its attitude to the bill.

But pro-Europeans led by Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, said the party had to be careful not to allow genuine opposition to be depicted by the government as filibustering, and that on some issues Labour should be happy to see debates closed.

Both sides claimed victory afterwards. Sceptics suggested the overwhelming view was that Labour should not help the government out of its difficulties. The pro-Europeans pointed to the decision to back the closure motion as a breakthrough, saying it meant that in future Labour would not be bound to oppose all closure motions.

Yesterday's was the seventh day of the committee stage. Sceptics on both sides of the Commons had claimed a victory late on Tuesday night when the government backed away from a confrontation.

Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister in charge of the bill, said in the Commons yesterday that if Labour succeeded in forcing the social chapter into the bill it would mean the treaty could not be ratified.

Daydreams of a man whose destiny has come — and gone

POLITICAL SKETCH

The president sat yesterday, head bowed in silent prayer. His responsibilities were awesome, his mission immense. Before him lay an ocean of difficulty, for upon the high office he had inherited depended the lives and livelihoods of millions of his countrymen. And all around him sat enemies, rivals waiting for him to stumble, critics ready to seize upon the slightest slip.

The prayers passed so quickly. All too soon came the agony of decision. The ceremony over, his great task began ...

"Is my Rt Hon friend aware that my local council, the Kirklees metropolitan council, are extending a smokeless zone to rural areas of my constituency, thus further reducing the demand for domestic coal?"

Michael Heseltine's brow furrowed. The remit of the President of the Board of Trade is impossibly wide. How could he be expected to deliver a judgment on every footling regulation enacted by every footling town hall? He muttered something politely vacuous to his questioner, a gawky youth of an MP, Graham Riddick (Colne Valley, C), took an irritable but half-hearted swipe at environmentalists, and sat down.

It was teatime in England, almost noon in Washington. Momentarily the president ceased to listen to parliamentary proceedings. Could he hear, ringing however faintly in his ears, the sound of a very different prayer ceremony, in a very different capital, for a very different president?

"... And will he make a statement concerning the work of the industrial competitiveness division?"

Bother. This one was for him. Some little squit of Tory backbencher wanted to know about some obscure branch of his ghastly concrete blockful of civil servants in Victoria Street. Wearily the president rose. "I attach the greatest importance to the work of the industrial competiveness division of my department." Mr Heseltine sat down again.

He shut his eyes to the green leather benches around him. Could he see, however dimly, the balloons, the bright costumes of the massed choirs, the drum majorettes ...? *Major*-ettes! Aaargh! And were those the brass buckles of marching bands glinting in the New World winter sunshine — or just the mace gluting in the fluorescent Commons lighting? The mace! The mace he had so impetuously grabbed all those years ago, first in a small but fatal series of follies that had brought him to this.

He blinked and was back at that other ritual. There stood the president, and beside him a smiling blonde lady ... *Blonde* lady? *Aargh!* With a start he was back on the front bench. Someone was asking him a question. "... And when he expects to announce the conclusions of his review of energy policy?"

Drat. Another Tory toad. Fumble through civil servants' briefing notes. Shouts of "get on with it Hezza!" from socialist morons opposite. Stumble to feet ...

"... And it is critically important that all aspects of the energy policy are taken into account in our review," intoned the president. *Intoned.* Ah — "*I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of ...*" The Board of Trade. Wednesday January 20, 1992, London and Washington. A tale of two cities. A tale of two presidents.

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Bottomley's defence of tobacco adverts weakens



Roe: her committee wants a statutory ban on adverts

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, defended the government's continued support for cigarette advertising yesterday as the Commons health committee called for a statutory ban.

The committee, which has a Tory majority, accused the government of ignoring evidence that a total ban would cut smoking, especially among teenage girls. Mrs Bottomley said that Britain had one of the best records in Europe for reducing smoking through its policy of high cigarette prices backed by the voluntary code on tobacco advertisements.

"We have also made clear both to the committee and in the *Health of the Nation* [white paper] that we continue to believe that the best way to control tobacco advertising is through voluntary agreements," she said.

Privately she is understood to sympathise with the health committee's arguments. Against her is the Treasury, which receives more than £6 billion a year from tobacco duties, and the Conservative party, which gets support from the tobacco industry. Some MPs predict that armed with the strongly worded report from the committee, chaired by Marion Roe, a former Tory junior minister, she may persuade the cabinet to accept a new EC law banning tobacco advertisements.

Three Conservative MPs on the 11-strong health committee — James Clappison, Michael Trend and David Congdon — refused to sign the report, which amounts to a detailed denunciation of the government's case. It says: "The government cannot continue to procrastinate on the issue of an advertising ban on the grounds that it is awaiting a level of proof about its effectiveness which is, in the nature of things, unobtainable."

The Royal College of Nursing said the government had to impose an advertising ban except at point of sale. Christine Hancock, general-secretary, said: "The government's policy on tobacco advertising could best be described as a smoke-screen. By encouraging voluntary restraint among tobacco companies, it cannot possibly meet its *Health of the Nation* target to reduce smoking to 20 per cent of the population by 2000."

Ministers face a tough fight at the EC health council meeting in May to sustain their case against a total ban on advertisements.

Liz Lynne, the Liberal Democrats' health spokeswoman, said: "Some estimates say that a tobacco advertising ban would save more than 10,000 lives a year and that there would be 50,000 fewer teenage smokers within five years of a ban."

Baker opposes Calcutt press curbs

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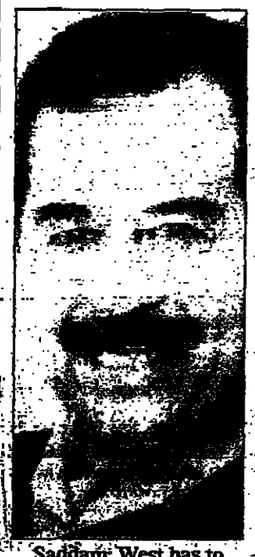
KENNETH Baker, the former Conservative party chairman, yesterday opposed Sir David Calcutt's recommendations for statutory controls on the press, but called for reticence by journalists and a self-imposed code of behaviour.

Speaking at the Westminster press gallery lunch, Mr Baker said the press had used its power to devastating effect recently. The former home secretary supported changes to criminal law to protect privacy. "Public figures should ultimately be judged by their public acts and not their private acts," he said. "Telephone conversations between anybody should not appear in the written press. Bank account details, credit ratings or tax returns should not appear in the written press — whoever's they are." As Tory party chairman, Mr Baker refused to sanction any attacks on members of Neil Kinnock's family, he disclosed.

Mr Baker said he wanted further cuts in interest rates to narrow the gap between inflation and interest rates. "We have stumbled into the right policy," he said, referring to Britain's effective devaluation on leaving the European exchange-rate mechanism.

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Why Clinton must not succumb to obsession with Saddam



Saddam: West has to wait for a new regime

***Sir Anthony Parsons**, the former British ambassador to the United Nations, considers how the new American president should handle the Iraqi leader*

I WAS encouraged by President Clinton's recent statement that he was not obsessed by President Saddam Hussein. That is crucial.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Britain's Middle East policy was distorted by national obsession with President Nasser of Egypt. In the 1980s, American policy suffered from analogous paranoia over Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran. Thrusting Middle East-ern rulers thrive on being the centre of attraction or revulsion to great powers. It is wise to deny them that pleasure.

In the fireworks display that was bound to accompany the coincidence of the transfer of power in Washington with the second anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, policy objectives and the means to implement them became a little confused. President Clinton would be well advised to disentangle the various strands.

The overriding strategic objective is not to topple Saddam, although that would be a welcome bonus. It is to ensure that Iraq cannot again present a threat to its neighbours, especially the militarily weak states of the Arabian peninsula.

Pending the advance of a less unacceptable government in Baghdad, this can be ensured by two means. First, the terms of United Nations Security Council resolution 687, the comprehensive ceasefire resolution, must be enforced strictly on Iraq, especially those paragraphs that deal with the Kuwaiti frontier, the arms embargo and the UN monitoring and elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

A UN peacekeeping force with a mandate to resist any violations should, as suggested by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, be deployed in the Kuwaiti-Iraq demilitarised zone. Many of us thought two years ago that an unarmed observer force was inadequate. Any evidence of Iraq recovering its aggressive military capability, for example by blocking UN inspections, should be dealt with summarily, by force if necessary. That is perfectly legitimate.

Second, the American-led coalition must retain sufficient naval and air power in the region to guarantee against another Iraqi threat. The events of the past four days have been hectic, but Saddam should have got the message that the coalition still means business.

It would, of course, be better if a regional security system could be constructed so that the coalition could withdraw its ships and aircraft. Apart from the trouble and expense, they are bound to become the object of anti-imperialist clamour the longer they stay. But I see no choice. The notion that the Syrians and Egyptians would provide the troops, and the Gulf states the money, is dead.

A viable regional system can be based only on full co-operation between Iran on the one hand, and Saudi Arabia and the small Gulf states on the other. There is no sign of this happening. Quarrels have been breaking out among the Arab ranks and they are all anxious about Iran's rearmament programme and resumption of bossiness towards its Arab neighbours across the Gulf. Hence, coalition power must stay the same as long as it takes, that is until Saddam and the Baathists have disappeared from the scene, even if that takes years.

The other strand of policy is to protect Iraqi communities — Kurds in the north and Shia Muslims in the south — from the ferocities of the Baghdad government. Here the international position is less clear-cut than it is under resolution 687.

After Saddam's repression of the uprising in early 1991, the security council adopted resolution 688 which condemned the repression and demanded its cessation. However, because of its intrusion into the domestic affairs of a state, it only just scraped through the council and nearly ran into a Chinese veto. There was no authorisation of force to implement it.

Nevertheless, when the coalition moved in to protect the Kurds and imposed a no-fly zone, there was no outcry from council members; nor when the no-fly zone was extended to the south last summer. So the coalition, in striking at Iraqi threats in the zones, can agrue convincingly that it is acting acceptably in the spirit of resolution 688.

President Clinton should leave Saddam in no doubt that, while conscious of the doctrine of "proportionality", the coalition will continue to abide by the spirit of resolution 688 and will not tolerate assaults on the "liberated" zone of northern Iraq, and will do everything within its existing power on the spot to prevent further persecution in the south.

It would be a mistake to modify these policies to try to recreate a balance of power between Iraq and a resurgent Iran. People are already suggesting that a weakened, but not too weak, Saddam is preferable to the risk of an Iraq in which the Shia majority predominates. Such a development would increase Iranian influence but would not turn Iraq into a client state. Iraqi Shias are Arabs, not Persians. They demonstrated that in the eight years of the Iran-Iraq war.

Nor do I believe that Iran, unlike Iraq, has territorial ambitions on the Arab shore: I do not count the tiny islets in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran may be bossy and domineering, but, after losing a generation in the recent war, it will not resort to aggression. Given the nature of its neighbours, Iran has good defensive reasons for rebuilding its armed forces.

US gives ceasefire guarded welcome

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IRAQ'S ceasefire offer, whatever its motivations, was received gratefully yesterday by the United States, anxious to celebrate the inauguration of its president without warfare as the backdrop.

But President Clinton and his aides signalled that that gratitude would not translate into a softening of US policy towards Iraq without a drastic change of attitude in Baghdad and, probably, a change of leader. Mr Clinton said: "My view is that it is almost inconceivable that we can have good relations with Iraq with him [President Saddam Hussein] there, because he has given no indication that he is capable of being a reliable member of the community of nations."

Before his inauguration, Mr Clinton instructed the Pentagon to continue enforcing Iraq's air exclusion zones and to take action if necessary. Early yesterday, Brent Scowcroft, George Bush's national security adviser, briefed him on the latest events in the Gulf.

George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's spokesman, said Iraq's total compliance with United Nations resolutions was a prerequisite for even considering a change in America's relationship with Baghdad. "It's almost impossible to imagine that we're going to get to that situation given Saddam's history. There is nothing in his actions or his behaviour to suggest that he is going to change."

UN weapons inspectors were expected to start returning to Baghdad today to complete the destruction of Iraq's chemical weaponry and to set up a monitoring system to prevent the country rebuilding its arsenal. Diplomats at UN headquarters in New York expressed the hope that the team would be able to get on with its work. One said: "Saddam Hussein has to behave during the period in which he is trying to persuade President Clinton to have a different policy."

Mr Stephanopoulos denied that Mr Clinton's ability to respond to possible Iraqi violations would be hampered by lack of administrative manpower. But Les Aspin, confirmed as defence secretary yesterday, is the new administration's only senior political appointee at the Pentagon, with 44 positions still vacant.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Iranian supreme leader, criticised America and its allies yesterday for attacking Iraq and said Washington would be punished for its "sin". He said Western leaders had "stained their hands with the blood of the Iraqi people".

☐ **Kuwait**: The Kuwaiti parliament, determined to give citizens the means to resist an invasion, has enshrined in law their right to own weapons, including automatic rifles, subject to permission from the interior minister. Possession of unlicensed weapon could lead to imprisonment. *(Reuter)*



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Baghdad steps up charm offensive

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

IRAQ yesterday stepped up its courtship of President Clinton after its forces began a unilateral ceasefire and United Nations weapons inspectors prepared to return to Baghdad after a month-long absence.

The official Baath party newspaper *al-Thawra* gloated over George Bush's retirement, describing him as a "defeated and neglected killer". But a very different language was used by Hamid Hammadi, Iraq's information minister, when describing Mr Clinton. "We hope that President Clinton will seek to stablish a relationship of quality that ensures legitimate interests for both parties and would eventually help him to have a free hand to address domestic problems in the US, which were neglected by the former Bush administration in preference for foreign adventurism," he said.

Diplomatic sources in Baghdad predicted that the moderate tone used to describe the new American leadership was likely to continue. Iraq, they claim, has embarked on a new policy intended to persuade the White House over the coming months that peaceful co-existence is possible with President Saddam Hussein.

The first real test of Iraq's sincerity is likely to come today or tomorrow when a team of UN weapons inspectors, stranded in Bahrain for nearly a month, should be allowed to fly back to Baghdad and resume its work of locating and destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

"The Iraqis are going to be more flexible on many issues," said one senior diplomat. "Disarmament is the most important thing because it is connected to the possibility of easing or lifting economic sanctions ... it is possible sanctions could be lifted or softened this year."

On the streets of the Iraqi capital, this optimistic assessment was, however, greeted with some caution. Ali, an employee of Iraqi Airways, who boasted once having a girlfriend in Mr Clinton's home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, said: "Most Iraqi people do not understand America like me. Here leaders change their minds every day. America is not like that: in America you can't just change your mind 360 degrees."

UN envoy hints at deportee ultimatum to Israel

BY BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A SENIOR United Nations envoy told Israeli leaders yesterday that the security council was "feeling quite impatient" with their refusal to repatriate more than 400 Palestinians who were deported to Lebanon last month as suspected Muslim militants.

The warning from Chinmaya Gharekhan, a special envoy of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, came as the deportees, languishing at a tent camp in an icy south Lebanon no man's land, threatened to push through Israeli lines "regardless of the price" in their quest to return home. They criticised the world body, saying Western planes were sent to enforce UN resolutions on Iraq but only envoys were sent to Israel.

Abdul Aziz al-Rantisi, the leader of the deportees, said: "Our state here is tragic. We will be forced to escape from our tragedy to a new one by heading to Zemraya regardless of the price because we cannot stay in this depressing situation, suffering from hunger, thirst and cold." The deportees also appealed to President Clinton to abandon "the double standards" of the Bush government and push for their immediate return.

Mr Gharekhan, returning to Israel in a third UN mission to resolve the plight of the deportees, said after meeting Shimon Peres, the foreign minister: "The security council is already feeling quite impatient on this matter. I am not prepared at this moment to give any definite deadline, but the fact is that the council feels this matter has been delayed enough already and that it cannot wait any longer." Dr Boutros Ghali has hinted at possible sanctions unless Israel implements UN resolution 799, demanding the return of the Palestinian deportees.

Mr Peres said that Israel would not reverse the expulsion decision and would refrain from making concessions it believes would boost the standing of Hamas, the Muslim fundamentalist movement. "Israel did not wake up one morning and decide to act against Hamas. The Israeli actions are a response to what Hamas did," Mr Peres said. He was referring to a spate of attacks on security forces just before the expulsions.

Mr Peres asked Mr Gharekhan to have the UN delay any further steps on the issue until the Israeli supreme court gives a ruling on the legality of the deportations. In defence of the deportees, the court yesterday heard that the hurried mass expulsions were unprecedented and raised fears of future summary deportations in the occupied territories. Lawyers took issue with the state's argument that security considerations and the limited two-year duration of the expulsions justified cancelling the right of the Palestinians to a hearing before they were taken by bus across the border into Lebanon.

Last night, Chief Justice Meir Shamgar said the court would hear further arguments from the deportees, but gave no word about when a decision can be expected.

☐ **Woman killed**: A Jewish woman was found dead near Tel Aviv and alongside her was a note in Arabic vowing to kill Jews until Israel takes back the Palestinian deportees, police said. *(Reuter)*



Fervent prayer: a Palestinian woman, holding a Koran, at a protest with hundreds of deportees' relatives outside Yitzhak Rabin's office yesterday

Paris and Bonn braced for testing time with Clinton

SALLY SOAMES



Von Richthofen: Germany is not pushing to join the United Nations Security Council yet

DIPLOMATS were yesterday pondering the impact on Europe of the accession of President Clinton, with the Franco-German relationship likely to be most seriously tested by the changes in Washington.

By coincidence this week also marks the 30th anniversary of the Elysée Accord between Bonn and Paris, and in an unusual joint interview with *The Times*, the German and French ambassadors to London presented a picture of a robust partnership that can weather any squalls that might drift across from the Atlantic.

"We hope President Clinton will encourage Europeans to find their identity," said Baron Hermann von Richthofen, the German ambassador. "I believe the new president — who by the way is a German speaker — will not discourage the close Franco-German co-operation at the heart of Europe, on the contrary." Bernard Dorin, the French ambassador, also believed the American president would want such a "pillar of stability in Europe".

The Clinton administration may none the less be about to shake some basic assumptions about relations between Europe and America. Mr Clinton is the first president to have been untouched by the second world war. The fears and risks of the early Cold war years also passed him by. The result is a completely different, historically unencumbered view of Europe and in particular of Germany. Mr Clinton's declared eagerness to admit Germany and Japan to the United Nations Security Council is a sign of things to come. Germany, as the German ambassador put it yesterday, is "not pushing for membership of the security council ... for the time being we are content to be represented by those members who are also European Community members."

*Bill Clinton will be demanding more from Bonn, shaking basic assumptions about relations between Europe and America, **Roger Boyes** writes*

Yet on this and on other matters it is clear that there is to be a re-ordering on the world stage. President Clinton will almost certainly demand more from Europe, and from Germany. During the past four US administrations there has been a predictable cycle at times of crisis. *The New York Times*, which often echoes the views of discreetly anonymous Pentagon or White House officials, typically declares that the Germans should be "doing more". This is then followed by a period of reflection on various historical and constitutional restraints on German behaviour and, after hectic transatlantic talks, Washington settles for the status quo.

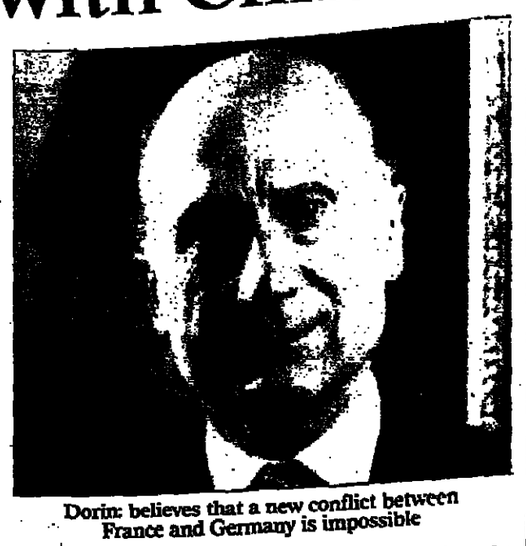
President Clinton may well break out from this pattern. He wants closer German participation in UN peacekeeping operations. If Germany succeeds in amending its constitution — and the German ambassador said there are signs this will go ahead this year — then this will be technically possible. It is a question, Baron von Richthofen says, of "introducing to our society the idea that Germany must take on wider responsibilities".

Mr Clinton also may want to go further in reducing the American troop contingent in Europe. It is already down to half the 300,000-strong force of two years ago and the current schedule is to bring it down to about 100,000 by 1995. Both the French and German envoys yesterday emphasised that they needed a continuing American presence in Europe.

Everything that is known about President Clinton's view of Europe points to him favouring a bigger military, and therefore political, profile of Germany in Europe. Yet the original Franco-German alliance was based on the rough and ready formula that France would take over the political leadership within the partnership because Germany, though economically stronger, was divided (an "economic giant but a political dwarf", according to the *bon mot* of the 1960s).

The German ambassador rejects the criticism, sometimes heard in London and Washington, that the Franco-German partnership has not responded well to German unification and the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. "The Franco-German relationship is not only a child of a period of confrontation; it was a genuine and very original idea to foster reconciliation," he said yesterday. It showed its merits when together with Britain, it *boxed its way out of the* European crisis at the European Community summit in Edinburgh. Moreover, said the Germany envoy, France had responded to the needs of unified Germany. "France is our first partner as far as *the economic and social development of Eastern Germany is concerned.*"

Special relationships have merit in a shifting world, argue the French and German envoys. The sheer volume of bilateral contacts forces each side to come up with a constant procession of new ideas for bringing peoples and bureaucracies closer together. The French ambassador cited the establishment of a joint Franco-German television channel — "something completely original" — and both sides praised the Franco-German brigade, set up in 1987. The plan now is to erect a European corps of 40,000 men by October, 1995. A new conflict between



Dorin: believes that a new conflict between France and Germany is impossible

France and Germany, said the French ambassador, shifting from his native language to German, has become "*unmöglich*" — impossible.

There are frictions. The French want to see a lowering of German interest rates. France's negative attitude to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) deal *disturbs not only* Washington but also German industrialists. And despite all the rhetoric about economic cooperation, the two countries often seem to be moving at different speeds. France has ambitions to be a leader in European high technology, developing high speed trains, firing off its Ariane rocket, *encouraging (with generous* state funding) breakthroughs in air technology. Germany has dropped out of, or is only partially involved, in many of these projects.

These differences, however, do not fundamentally unsettle the relationship. The Franco-German axis seems muscular enough to survive both a new president in Washington and the coming new generation of leaders in Bonn and Paris. Recent Bundesbank support for the French franc against speculators had again demonstrated the strength of the relationship, M Dorin said. But the Franco-German "nucleus" was not a "mini-Europe on the Rhine", nor was it intended to exclude Britain or any other European nation.

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Germans up in arms over Waigel economic purge

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

■ Bonn did not prepare the country for the sacrifices needed after unification. The new austerity is the foundation for a "mental wall" between east and west

THE German government's proposals for the most drastic cuts in living standards in 50 years have provoked an uproar that threatens to overwhelm Bonn's attempt to reduce spending and pay for rebuilding the former East Germany.

After months of wrangling, Theo Waigel, the finance minister, has unveiled austerity measures that will raise taxes, abolish allowances, cut welfare spending, reduce unemployment benefit and impose strict limits on government spending in at least 50 areas, ranging from shipbuilding to infant education.

His "solidarity pact" is designed to save DM18 billion (£7.2 billion) immediately to plug the widening budget deficit while finding money to pay for the rising cost of unification. Germany's gloomy economic forecast means that government borrowing next year will still have to go up by DM10 billion.

The measures have evoked a cacophony of criticism. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) and the trade unions have attacked the sharp cuts in welfare and unemployment benefit; business is aghast at the new taxes on insurance, petrol, investment income and the reintroduction of a special surcharge on income and corporation tax from 1995. East German politicians, including Christian Democrats, complain that the package falls well short of what is needed to get the economy moving.

The government insists that 70 per cent of the new charges will be borne by the better off. Nevertheless, many of the cuts will also hit the middle class hard. Farmers, suffering from reforms to the common agricultural policy, are to have their income support reduced progressively. The civil service payroll will be cut by 1 per cent from next year. Children's allowances and nursery school grants will be means-tested and student income cut.

Road and petrol tax will go up, tax allowances will be squeezed and property taxes will rise. Local authority spending will be reduced, subsidies to important industries such as coal and shipbuilding cut, and the defence budget will be reduced by DM300 million this year.

The months of haggling have led the SPD to campaign against any reduction for the lower paid: Björn Engholm, the party leader, spoke of "social atrocities" and Franz Steinkühler, head of IG Metall, the largest union, called the cuts "simply indecent".

The proposals, debated by the parliamentary parties yesterday evening, will be put before parliament and must be approved by the 16 regional states, most of which are governed by the SPD. The SPD, sensing that the government is rapidly losing credibility, has announced that it will not co-operate in the passage of the measures.

Conservatives complain that the government has missed the chance to reduce huge subsidies to industry; eastern Germans have been angered by Bonn's reluctance to do more sooner and many were outraged that MPs in Bonn have just awarded themselves a generous pay rise.

The difficulty is that the government did not prepare the country from the outset for the scale of sacrifices needed. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, was reluctant to make any "blood, sweat, toil and tears" appeal for electoral reasons and now his credibility is at a low point.

Tuesday's cabinet reshuffle has been derided widely as an anti-climax after weeks of speculation. Herr Kohl's room for manoeuvre was limited by the agreement with his coalition partners — the Free Democratic Party (FDP) and



Waigel: proposing new austerity package

the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) — to preserve their number of cabinet seats. The reshuffle will have little effect on the areas where government policy has become bogged down: the employment of German troops overseas, the change in the asylum law, and the solidarity pact.

Professor Kurt Biedenkopf, an old political rival and prime minister of Saxony, said west Germans should realise that there could be no rise in their living standards for the next ten years. A recent survey has found that 64 per cent of west Germans and 74 per cent of east Germans now believe that a "mental wall" is growing between the two parts of the country.

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Bosnian Serbs vote in favour of peace plan they despise

■ The Geneva talks are to continue. With military withdrawals and boundaries still on the agenda, the fighting is far from over

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOSNIAN Serb leaders yesterday extracted enough votes from their deputies to secure the continuation of peace talks in Geneva. After a gruelling session of the Bosnian Serb assembly, followed by hours of closed-door meetings, members were dragooned into voting for a motion they opposed after being warned that the alternative was conflict with the world.

As the deputies voted, Bill Clinton insisted that "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia had to be "nipped in the bud" and signalled that his administration would intervene quickly and more robustly than George Bush's did. Asked about reports that he planned immediate action to alleviate the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, Mr Clinton declared: "The world is now being engulfed in ancient ethnic and religious rivalries. And the legitimacy of 'ethnic cleansing' cannot stand."

Mr Clinton, acutely aware that thousands of innocent Bosnians may soon be dying of starvation and exposure, said: "Are there things we can do that we are not doing short of committing ground troops to Bosnia? Yes, there are." In the past, he has floated ideas such as selectively lifting the arms embargo so the Bosnian Muslims could defend themselves, and the bombing of Serb military targets. However, he has also said that he would act, if possible, in conjunction with the UN, Britain and France would object to both those courses.

The deputies, meeting in the ski resort of Pale, the ad hoc capital of Serb Bosnia, voted 55-15 in favour of the peace plan worked out by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance.

It was a motion that all the deputies opposed, but they were prevailed upon to vote in favour after being told that there was a worse fate than accepting an unacceptable plan. Foreign military intervention, isolation and the loss of all Serb gains were arguments deployed to persuade the deputies to vote in favour.

The "yes" vote means that peace talks can continue in Geneva and that the Serb, Muslim and Croat delegations will proceed to discussions on military disengagements and maps. The Vance-Owen plan envisages the preservation of Bosnia-Herzegovina as an independent state but made up of ten ethnically based autonomous provinces. After rejecting the plan in Geneva last week Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, made an abrupt about-turn, saying that he would accept it subject to parliamentary approval.

"We have chosen between two ills," Momcilo Krajisnik, the president of the parliament, said. The Serb delegation at Geneva had been forced to accept the plan because it had been threatened. He issued a warning that, if the threats continued, "then I will be the first to ask the delegation to withdraw".

An atmosphere of gloom hung over the parliamentary session, which met in the canteen of an engine factory. Mr Karadzic told the deputies that the Vance-Owen plan gave them far less than they had now, both in terms of self-government and territory, but that it was unrealistic to hold out against the international community. He believed that by accepting the plan their ultimate goals could be achieved by political means. Last year the Bosnian Serbs founded their own Serbian republic, which they had hoped would soon be unified with Serbia and the other self-proclaimed Serbian republic of Krajina in Croatia.

The key question which the delegates agonised over was not whether to give up this aim, which the plan demands of them, but whether they could trust Mr Karadzic when he said it could not be achieved now but only later. Biljana Plavsic, Mr Karadzic's vice-president, argued passionately against acceptance, at least without a referendum, saying that it was the thin end of the international wedge, and that if passed Lord Owen and Mr Vance would proceed with proposals to dismember Serbia itself.

Radoslav Brdjanin, a hardliner from Banja Luka, referred to Bosnia's Muslim president and said: "The choice is simple: either Alija Izetbegovic's state or open conflict with those that present us with ultimatums. Alija's state is worse." Bozidar Antic, a minister in the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb government, summed up the feeling of the Pale meeting: "This is not our choice. We are all against it but we have to say 'yes' because we cannot fight the whole world." No one expects that yesterday's decision heralds the beginning of the end of the Bosnian civil war.

The Bosnian constitutional principles are only one of three parts of an overall package which is to include an agreement on military disengagement and one on the drawing of provincial boundaries. Most Serb politicians feel that the peace talks will collapse when it comes to the decisions on these substantive matters.

Last night, a spokesman for the international conference announced in Sarajevo that talks would resume in Geneva on Saturday. Mr Vance and Lord Owen arrived in the Serb-besieged Bosnian capital, 10 miles west of Pale, in an attempt to bring an end to fighting within the Muslim-Croat alliance ranged against the Serbs.



Reluctant volunteers: deputies of the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament vote to accept the Vance-Owen peace package



Assembly of rebels spells out decision

THE following is the text of the resolution by the rebel Bosnian Serb "parliament" yesterday to accept the first stage of a Geneva peace plan:

■ Deeply concerned over the unfavourable development of the political situation in the international community, in which misunderstanding, pressures and threats to the Serb people are predominant;

■ bitter over the continuation of the offensive by the sides in conflict and the possibility of the war escalating to broader regions;

■ firmly committed to the cessation of hostilities and establishment of peace and to the continuation of political negotiations in Geneva;

■ retaining its natural right to self-determination and the full national identity of the Serbian people;

■ the Serbian Democratic Party deputies group adopts this decision to accept the constitutional principles of Bosnia-Herzegovina as a part of the overall package of documents of the Geneva conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina which must be treated as a whole.

Text translated by Reuter in Pale.

West fails to topple WHO chief

Geneva: Hiroshi Nakajima, the controversial chief of the World Health Organisation, won a key vote yesterday to keep the post against a challenger strongly backed by America and European countries. The WHO executive council recommended by 18 votesto 13 that Mr Nakajima be reelected as director-general of the UN agency when it meets in April.

Opposing Mr Nakajima, 64, who was strongly supported by Tokyo, was his former deputy, Algerian neurosurgeon Muhammad Abdelmoumene. European and US diplomats had predicted that Mr Nakajima — whom they accuse of mismanagement — wouldlose. But sources said he took most of the African and Latin American votes. *(Reuter)*

Drugs found in Scott's hut

Wellington: Bottles of cocaine and opium in an Antarctic hut have nelled speculation about how Robert Scott, the explorer, died in his vain 1912 attempt with his team to be the first p reach the South Pole.

Scott's hut remains virtually as it was left. The existence of the two bottles, one of cocaine and one of opium, became public knowledge during an inventory. The expedition carried the drugs officially for medical purposes. *(AFP)*

Korean offer

Seoul: North Korea agreed to talks with South Korea next week on nuclear inspections if they also discuss planned American-South Korean military exercises. The two nations canceled the exercises last year to promote inter-Korean dialogue. *(Reuter)*

Campus closed

Lagos: Nigerian authorities have closed Lagos State University indefinitely after prolonged campus agitation and the expulsion of 34 students. Last May, students at the university, a hotbed of unrest, helped to trigger anti-poverty riots in Lagos. *(Reuter)*

Direct line

Jerusalem: Israel's telecommunications company has installed a fax machine at the Wailing Wall, enabling Jews worldwide to send prayers to be put in its crevices as an alternative to placing them personally. The facility stops for the sabbath. *(AFP)*

Mercenaries help Unita overrun Angolan oil city

FROM SAM KILEY IN LUANDA

WHITE English-speaking mercenaries in Angola helped the rebel Unita movement capture the strategically important northern oil refinery and city of Soyo yesterday, reversing a tide of losses against the government.

At least 17 foreigners, including a British oil worker, have been captured by Unita in Soyo and a further 17 are missing, including two other British oil workers. Yesterday British diplomats were trying to establish their whereabouts.

Western intelligence and diplomatic sources said yesterday that they had proof that the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola had used mercenaries in three days of fighting for control of Soyo, the most important oil town in Angola and the main logistics base for oil operations in the enclave of Cabinda, north of the Congo river. "We have complete proof of the activities of white mercenaries in Soyo, but it does not appear that they were running the operation as commanders," said a diplomat in Luanda.

The Angolan government has claimed over the past few weeks that Unita was using mercenaries in its operations but this is the first time the allegations have been made by independent observers. The ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola has also accused South Africa of helping Unita, as it did during the 1975-91 Angolan civil war. But as the mercenaries are not in commanding roles it is unlikely that they would be serving members of the South African Defence Force.

Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, said last week that as the government did not appear to be interested in peace talks he would strangle the regime by destroying its ability to pump oil or mine Angola's abundant diamonds. Yesterday, he tightened his grip. Unita has never before been able to overrun an oil installation, much less an entire town in the oil-producing north. By taking the city, Unita has severely disrupted oil production.

The rebels have also managed to win control of most of the diamond mining areas of Lunda South and Lunda North provinces. "This is [Dr] Savimbi making good on his promise," said a Western diplomat in Luanda yesterday. "He has a long way to go in cutting off the oil but he is clearly going for the country's jugular."

Unita was closing in on government forces in Huambo, Unita's former headquarters and the spiritual capital of the Ovimbundu ethnic group from which Unita draws most of its support. Government troops were concentrated in the city centre and were being supported by the air force but the rest of the city was occupied by Unita forces. "The government cannot be resupplied because Unita controls all the roads to the city and the airport, so that means they will have to fight to the death or surrender," said a diplomat.

Diplomats said Luanda has been seeking arms from other government. "We are trying to get all the countries represented here to refuse to supply any weapons because that would prolong the conflict," said a European diplomat.



Savimbi: going for the country's jugular

ANC and Pretoria strive to reach harmony before multiparty talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

A SERIES of talks between the South African government and the African National Congress, aimed at clearing the ground between them prior to the resumption of multiparty talks next month, began yesterday at an undisclosed retreat in Transvaal.

The initial omens were not good, however. Roelf Meyer, the constitutional affairs minister who led the 20-man government team, arrived at the meeting from a profoundly unsatisfactory encounter with leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party. The hope had been that that meeting could iron out Inkatha's objections to the bilateral agreement between the government and the ANC. In the event there was no substantial agreement between the two sides on anything, except an arrangement to meet again next week.

The Inkatha delegation accused the government of conniving with the ANC to overwhelm the other political organisations. The main items on the agenda — Inkatha's proposed multiparty conference to review progress so far and the status of agreements already made at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) — were not touched upon.

Despite this setback, participants in yesterday's Pretoria-ANC meeting remain hopeful. The conference began with a discussion of defence matters. A secret meeting was held last week between Lieutenant General Pierre Steyn, the deputy defence chief, and Joe Modise, the commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC. It was reported that matters related to the possible amalgamation of Umkhonto with the South African Defence Force were discussed. The attention of the negotiators will then turn to a draft bill providing the legal framework for the country's transition to democracy.

While neither side wishes to present non-negotiable proposals to a reconstituted Codesa, both have now agreed that whatever comes out of this meeting will be binding on both of them. They also agree that whatever was agreed at Codesa before it hit the rocks last year will not need to be renegotiated.

☐ **Johannesburg:** Police are protecting 30 white farmers and a businessman in Orange Free State after an alleged African National Congress death list was circulated. Investigations are under way to establish whether the list circulated in the state, a bastion of die-hard Afrikanerdom, was genuine. *(Reuter)*

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A spate of skiing accidents has cast a shadow over the Alpine resorts. **Douglas Sager** explains why the slopes are more risky and offers advice on safety

On the heights of danger



Heading into danger? On the slopes at Verbier, which is suffering like other resorts in the Alps from a lack of fresh snow on cement-solid pistes, resulting in a number of accidents

Blood dripping down his anorak, one eye swollen into a hairline slit, his face smeared with crusted red blotches, holiday skier Andrew Lindsay was having difficulty keeping a stiff upper lip. "I hope it isn't as bad as it looks," he mumbled.

Mr Lindsay recalled bouncing across the rock-hard moguls (bumps of compacted snow) of the notorious Tortin "wall", which was reclassified finally this year by the authorities in Verbier as being off piste, instead of black-rated (the classification of the most difficult piste), as it had been for decades.

A self-described intermediate skier, Mr Lindsay is only one of the dozen or more skiers who take a tumble every day on Tortin, and was, as he put it, "one of the lucky ones" because his injuries were not more severe. In his case, his downhill ski jarred loose on the icy bumps, and he began an uncontrolled head-first slide of about 330 yards. "I saw the rocks, and I was sure I was going to hit them," he said. "But I must have lost consciousness for a bit."

> 'It is the sort of slope you treat with respect'

"You were out of it when you flew past me," his ski partner said as they rode down Verbier's Medran telecabine to a waiting pair of medical attendants, wheelchair right outside the telecabine door, and ambulance parked in forecourt. "I thought you were going to take me out, too."

Mr Lindsay, who has had four seasons of skiing holidays in the Alps, insisted that he had been under control. "I'd already done Tortin three times this morning," he said, "but it is the sort of slope you have to treat with extreme respect. I won't be going down there again until it gets a lot more snow."

The lack of fresh snow falls on pistes, which have been kept cement-solid by continued cold weather during the past six weeks, is the main culprit for the recent spate of skiing accidents all over the Alps. Dr Paul Foehn, a forecaster at the the world's foremost snow research enterprise, the Davos Avalanche Institute, says that rain falling on snow during recent storms in northern Europe has exacerbated icy conditions, especially at lower altitudes. At this time of year, pistes usually have a soft layer of fresh or lightly compacted snow covering the older, packed-down snow base. Only small amounts of snow have fallen anywhere in the Alps within the past six weeks. During that time, the weather has been very cold and very sunny for the most part. The result has been to melt snow at altitudes below 1,700 metres (5,500 ft).

At very high altitudes, above 3,000 metres (10,000 ft), the snow has been well preserved. But at the altitudes most skiers encounter, cover is extremely thin and very hard packed. Exposed rocks add a further hazard as snow is scraped away by passing skiers.

The snow on Tortin might be considered "hard" and somewhat challenging to an expert, but "icy" and impossible for an intermediate. But not even the most expert skier is immune from assault by someone coming crashing down out of control behind them.

Head injuries from collisions with other skiers are the most serious threat in the Alps, far out-reaching danger from avalanches or broken legs. Long, well-groomed pistes where unsuspecting skiers build up more speed than they can handle are the most dangerous for those of intermediate standard.

Intermediate skiers flock to these "motorway" pistes, which are best represented by the French purpose-built resorts, and groomed to perfection in Méribel and Courchevel in the Trois Vallées. But twisty, bump runs can actually be far safer for most people, since their difficulty forces much slower and more careful skiing.

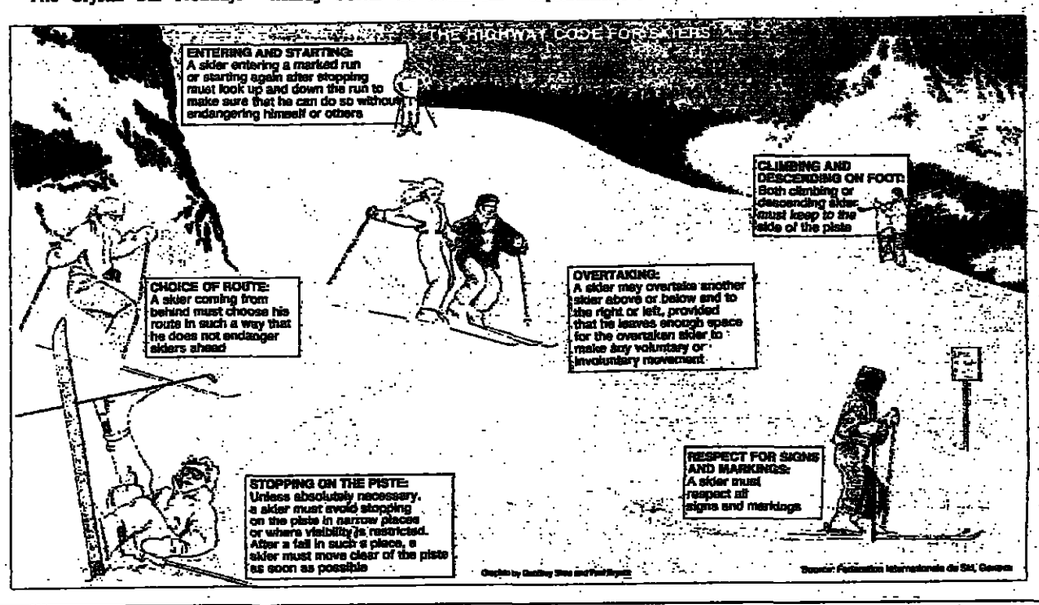
A couple from London, sipping Irish coffees in Verbier's mid-station restaurant at Ruinettes, were astonished at being told of the accident toll around the Alps. Dr Julia and Mr James Thomas, intermediate skiers with five years of Alpine holidays behind them, had not heard of anyone being killed on the slopes.

They had commuted every day this week for 45 minutes by car from Villars to Verbier to find better snow conditions. Dr Thomas described how she had watched two different people fall "head over heels" down the length of the Tortin "wall".

"British ski-ers are the most dangerous," Mr Thomas said. "They come out for only one week a year, and they push it to the limit." Both the Thomases said they were impressed by how good skiing was on Verbier's upper slopes.

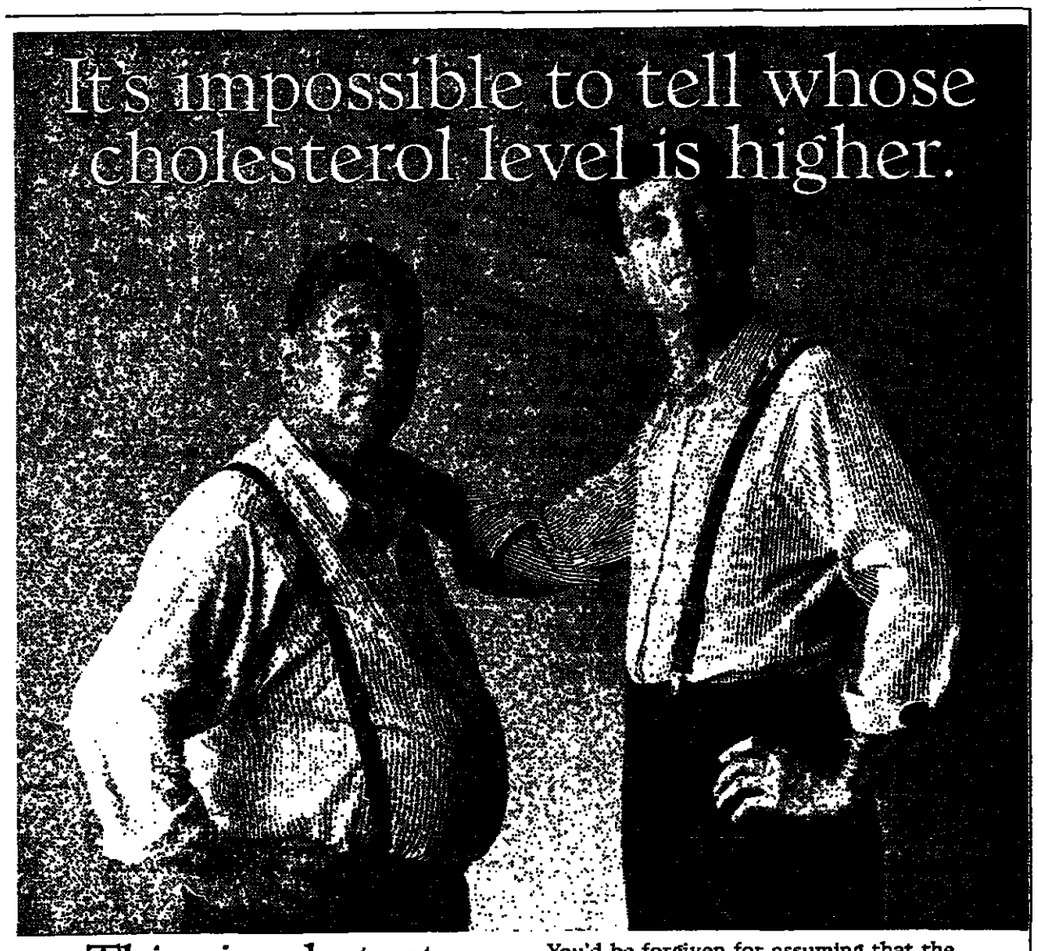
The Crystal Ski Holidays representative in Verbier, Rachael Wakeham, said that all week long bus loads of skiers had been arriving from other resorts with poor skiing conditions — particularly the nearby Portes du Soleil ski circus, incorporating Avoriaz and Morzine. Ms Wakeham said that each of her company's chalets was supplied with a five-page safety information packet. The packets included explanations of the ten international skiing rules set out by the FIS (International Ski Federation), and details of what to do in case of accident or avalanche.

Novices Debbie and Andrew Hayward, from London, on their first ski holiday, were not intimidated by the hard snow conditions. They had taken lessons first from the official Swiss Ski School, and then with "a young girl working on the black market", and had progressed to some of Verbier's upper red runs, which they described as "well worth it". They said both their ski instructors had emphasised techniques for dealing with icy conditions.



Other first-time visitors to Verbier expressed similar satisfaction with the local ski instruction. "It makes all the difference in conditions like these," said Denis Holley, of Teddington, Middlesex. Tracey Richards, from London, who is one of a party of 21 skiing friends, was unaware of the recent spate of deaths and accidents.

Christian Corthay, an expert skier and the proprietor of Verbier's exclusive Ski Adventure Ski Shop, offered some succinct survival tips: "In this kind of snow, the first thing you need is good edge tuning [sharp edges to your skis]. Don't go over your limit and watch out for snow boarders [snow surfboards]. They have no control."



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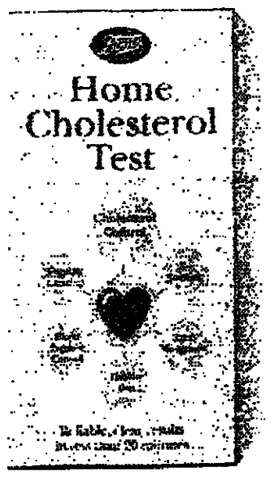
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Going back into a nightmare

Sheila Cassidy tells of her return to Chile

A couple of months ago, Dr Sheila Cassidy, the medical director of St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth, sat down with a group of friends and composed a letter protesting at a proposed housing development. The letter, in Spanish, was addressed to the president of Chile and told him that it would be "an insult, an injustice and a betrayal" to build houses on the site of the Villa Grimaldi, the infamous torture centre where Dr Cassidy and countless others were interrogated by the secret police.

The letter may or may not add weight to the growing clamour for the place to become a "park of the peace"; on a personal level it is a symbol of how far Dr Cassidy has travelled, psychologically as well as physically.

In 1975, while on the staff of a hospital in Santiago, Dr Cassidy, then aged 38, was asked by a priest to treat a man with gunshot wounds who was on the run: for this she was arrested, tortured, kept in solitary confinement for three weeks, imprisoned for another five and then expelled as persona non grata. In the resulting furore, the British ambassador was recalled in protest at her treatment.

Last November, at the request of the BBC, she returned for the first time since her ordeal. "I had always said I would go back one of these days," she says. "I wanted to lay my own demons and reclaim a country I had loved but lost. I wanted to try to refind it. I didn't want it to be barbed wired to me just because of my own fears."

The prospect of the trip, however, was to feed terrors she had suppressed over the years and prompt unpleasant panic attacks. As she records in her radio diary six months before the journey: "What I have to do is take my fears out and face them in order to vanquish or defuse them. Because I probably will never vanquish them entirely, I'm going to have to expose myself to things Chilean again — music, books, people. But the mere thought of talking to Chilean people again makes me feel frightened."

On her release, Dr Cassidy made the decision to talk about her experience. She also sought help in psychotherapy and studied post-traumatic stress disorder. "I really thought I had it sussed in the first few years afterwards. It was my proud boast that I was not afraid of anyone who didn't have a machine-gun.

"I think I was very well defended initially. When I came back I lectured all around the world and stood on a million platforms and told the story again and again and felt nothing. But I think I buried things deeper and deeper. As an unconscious survival mechanism, I had separated out the memory and the emotions.

"I always felt there was a sort of Pandora's box I hadn't accessed and the fear I didn't feel at the time now began to surface over trivial things. I couldn't make a phone call, I felt wobbly in the knees, dizzy and giddy — which are all physical manifestations of anxiety."

In order to prepare herself for her return trip she sought help from a psychologist friend and discussed the idea with various people in this country who had been involved, including the priest who had been with her in the house of the Columban fathers where she was arrested and the consul who visited her in prison.



Facing her fear: Sheila Cassidy's return was "a human thing"

"The people who didn't know anything about this sort of thing said I was mad to return but others who did said go," she says. "The trip gained a momentum of its own: I knew if I didn't take this offer I would never get another chance. But in some ways it was also a cold-blooded intellectual decision. I thought I would be better for it and I am, very much so. I am extremely glad I went."

Much of the time, she says, it was simply great fun: visiting old haunts, meeting old friends, including many of the women she was imprisoned with, travelling to other parts of the country like an ordinary tourist. The visits to the gates of the Villa Grimaldi and the Tres Alamos prison were, she says, the most terrifying but the most pivotal.

"I was scared of retracing my steps, of confronting my fear, even though I knew rationally I was in no danger, but I learnt there was nothing as terrible as I had imagined. If I hadn't gone to those places there really would have been unfinished business."

The letter to the president about the future of Grimaldi was prompted by her conviction that people need to mourn and that, when loved ones disappear without trace, a place of remembrance becomes even more important. "It seemed a monstrous blasphemy to redevelop it, to pretend nothing ever happened."

Dr Cassidy has never harboured any hatred for her tormentors or wished for revenge. "The forgiveness was there from the very beginning and it was easy. It was just a gift from God. Though what they did was very terrible, I always thought of them as being more imprisoned than I was."

Though her ordeal deepened her Catholic faith and led indirectly to her work with the terminally ill — "I found I had a natural affinity with people who were frightened, I was not afraid to talk about terrible things, not too polite to talk about dying" — the return trip was not, she says, "a religious enterprise, it was just a human thing".

She is cautious about advising others to take similar steps. "In general, people are advised to confront what frightens them but it could be dangerous without the right support and counsel and careful planning.

"For me it was enormously therapeutic. I know there is the phenomenon where people who have suffered something terrible then attribute everything that happens to them subsequently to that experience. I was so determined not to do that, not to be a cripple afterwards, that I bent over backwards to be positive about it and say what a privilege it was to have been imprisoned with these people and how it opened me up and although that's true, in another way I denied the impact. I think I am more rational and balanced about it now.

"I feel I have a more normal relationship with the country, the continent and the whole subject. I was told I would feel much better six months after the trip than six months before and I think that will be the case though, of course, one can never say one will never get anxious or depressed again. But it was a very happy trip. And I would go back again tomorrow if someone paid my fare."

LIZ GILL

● *Return to Chile can be heard on Radio 4 tonight at 7.20pm.*

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Talk of the White hoarse



EVEN before Bill Clinton had taken the presidential oath, his spokesman had denied that his recurrent hoarseness, which had caused him to croak out his opinion on the Gulf, was due to anything more sinister than irritation of his vocal cords as a result of oesophageal reflux.

When the president lies flat, the stomach contents flow back into the oesophagus, the gullet, from where the acidic fumes ascend and irritate the cords while the president sleeps. The answer, it is reported, is simple. In future the presidential bed will be so arranged that Mr Clinton sleeps in a more upright position.

The spokesman was not questioned about another possible cause of Mr Clinton's troubles — the president, judging from his photographs, tends to be a mouth-breather. Many photographs of Mr Clinton show him with an open mouth. If he sleeps with his mouth open his snoring may not only disturb his wife Hillary, but also impair his work performance, and even his life expectancy, for heavy snorers are more likely to suffer from both heart attacks and strokes. Fortunately, disaster only strikes a minority of snorers, but the majority, and their spouses, sleep badly.

Help is at hand for the snorers. A new laser treatment is now being carried out at the Cromwell hospital in London. Its technology is based on research at the Charing Cross hospital into obstructive sleep apnoea.

Some patients may still need surgery on their uvula and soft palate. The surgery, whether by laser or the knife, makes tucks in the soft tissue at the back of the mouth which, like many muscles, becomes flaccid with the passage of time, so that the soft palate hangs like a curtain which can then vibrate in the breeze caused by the deep breathing of sleep. Of the two methods of correction, there is less discomfort after laser surgery and healing is quicker.

The stomach of a king



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHATEVER the organism is that has affected the Prince of Wales, it has driven the guests from the Sandringham dinner table as effectively as his beaters have flushed pheasants from the Norfolk coverts. Can the outbreak of gastroenteritis be related to the pheasant shooting?

Although the medical authorities immediately labelled the infection as being viral this assumption must have been based on probability and clinical symptoms rather than the results of the investigations, sometimes lengthy, carried out by pathologists, the only doctors who have the necessary facilities and skills to make a definitive diagnosis.

When confronted by "an upset tummy" the response of French doctors is to blame the liver, whereas their British counterparts settle for a virus. In 30 per cent of cases the British assumption is right. Research has shown that about a third of the cases of acute diarrhoea in the winter are due to viral infection. The virus responsible may be one of those which cause the standard flu-type illnesses, or it might be one of the viruses which specifically affect the gut such as the rotaviruses, the Norwalk agent, parvovirus or coronavirus.

Before the second world war, these viruses would have all been lumped together as gastric flu; they cause a severe short upset which usually develops two or three days after infection. The diarrhoea is often not associated with much abdominal pain and the symptoms usually persist for only a few days. No treatment, other than fluid replacement, which is particularly important in children, is needed.

Just as the ordinary flu-type illnesses can sometimes be accompanied by, or preceded by, gastroenteritis, so those viruses which predominantly affect the gut can give rise to coughs and snuffles — similar, in fact, to the symptoms of the common cold.

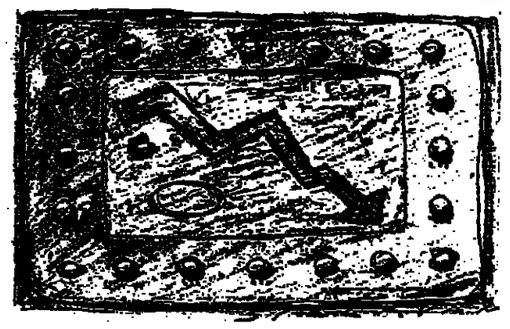
Although it might sound grander to suffer from a virus respectably spread by coughs and sneezes rather than a bacterial infection spread by contaminated water, infected food, or dirty hands, there are many bacterial causes of an outbreak of gastroenteritis. It seems almost lèse-majesté to suggest that a royal household would suffer from food poisoning, but gut-borne infections are no respecters of crowns. In any case there are good precedents: both Prince Albert and King Edward VII were victims in their time.

One of the more common bacteria to cause acute symptons is campylobacter, an organism which is particularly likely to contaminate poultry and game. It is therefore possible that the pheasants are getting their own back, for an attack of campylobacter, although not dangerous, is memorable.

It has an incubation period of three to five days, after which it causes a considerable general upset with headache, aches and pains and a high fever, as well as severe diarrhoea and abdominal pain. If the attack does not clear spontaneously it will respond to erythromycin or ciprofloxacin (Ciproxin).

The pathologist will have to exclude infection by organisms of the salmonella group, which remains the most common cause of food poisoning in this country. Despite all the measures which followed the controversy over eggs and chicken while Edwina Currie was at the health ministry, the number of cases continues to rise.

The number of other organisms which cause gastroenteritis is legion, hence the need for the local authorities to take specimens from the royal household for investigation. Most attacks of diarrhoea recover spontaneously without antibiotic treatment, but once the cause has been determined by the pathologists these can be prescribed if need be. Acute symptoms can be relieved by drugs such as Immodium or Lomotil which, as well as relieving the symptoms, shorten attacks, but they should not be given to children under four years of age.



A bitter one to swallow

MANDY Smith, the former consort of Bill Wyman, started to take the Pill at 14. She now says it was that which upset her psyche and produced the emotional problems that led the rest of the world to fear that she was suffering from anorexia nervosa.

Miss Smith may be right. In most patients the Pill has no affect on mood, but in some the freedom from anxiety about pregnancy can produce euphoria, and it cannot be denied that in others, a small minority, the Pill causes depression — either directly by altering tryptophan metabolism or indirectly because it affects libido, the sexual drive. What could be more depressing than to find that once on the Pill the enthusiasm for sex has waned?

When sexual drive is altered by the Pill the mechanism is complex. Its loss in some cases is related to depression. The loss of a declining libido may not just cause depression — it can also be caused by it. In other cases the diminished enjoyment and interest in sex may result from the hormonal action of the Pill; the mood of the patient, apart from the loss of sexual interest, may remain unaltered. These patients can be helped by prescribing a Pill with a relative oestrogen excess. The standard combined Pill contains both oestrogen and progesterones.

There is also evidence that the immature breast is more vulnerable to possible long-term ill-effects from the Pill than the mature one.

A small matter of survival

Is the high cost of caring for premature babies money well spent?

Ann Kent examines a problem facing parents and doctors

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Life at a cost: while a report published yesterday questions the expense lavished on premature babies, others argue that if treatment is available there can really be no debate

According to the report published yesterday by the Office of Health Economics, the improved survival rate of babies who weigh less than 3lb 4oz at birth cost the NHS up to £70 million in 1990 — an average of about £20,000 per baby.

The report argues that this cost, plus the £150 million annual cost of special school education needed for many such children, needs to be publicly debated.

"The ability to preserve the lives of these infants must be weighed against the resultant increase in the numbers of impaired children, the distress and suffering for infants and their parents, their expected quality of life and the socio-economic consequences for society as a whole," the report says.

The causes of premature birth are still largely unknown: no pregnant woman can be certain that she will not be delivered early. Treatment of the babies can cost up to £600 a day, and the fact that very premature babies are more likely than full-term ones to be handicapped is denied by no one.

It is parents, rather than doctors, who plead that desperately ill premature babies should be treated, says Dr Anthony Kaiser, the consultant neonatologist at St Thomas' Hospital, London. He says that medical and nursing staff discuss which babies are unlikely to survive before involving parents. But when parents are adamant that treatment should continue, their views are respected.

"There is a need for public debate," Dr Kaiser says, "provided parents are involved in the discussions."

Premature babies are treated in special care baby units. If treatment is delayed because of a shortage of special care cots, damage to the infant is likely to be exacerbated. Very small or premature babies are usually attached to a battery of monitoring devices, a ventilator, and intravenous drips containing antibiotics to protect them against infection, diuretics to avoid fluid overload, liquid foods, and blood pressure treatments.

Very immature babies are given a brain scan at an early stage to identify those with severe brain haemorrhages, to which undeveloped brains are susceptible. Such babies are unlikely to survive.

Criticisms that babies are salvaged only to become severely handicapped have been levelled at doctors for the past 15 years. Dr Vivienne van Someren, a consultant paediatrician at the Royal Free Hospital, London, says that 15 years ago the outcome for babies weighing between 2lb 3oz and 3lb 5oz was extremely poor.

"Now it has improved beyond recognition. The pattern seems to be that once you improve survival, the quality of the outcome — the future health of that child — improves as well. We are getting better at treating these babies, year on year."

The most severe dilemma involves treatment of babies below the weight of 1lb 10oz, Dr van Someren says. "When I see a delightful blond-haired child toddle into the clinic, normal in every way, I ask myself how I could ever have considered withholding treatment. But the way things are now, there is an equal chance that a two-year-old with a very low birthweight will turn out to have severe handicaps, and with hindsight should not have been saved. If I thought the outcome would not change in future, I would not want to carry on."

Parental attitudes vary, according to whether the possibility of abnormality is put to them before or after the birth. "Mothers will agree to terminate a pregnancy if there is a one in four chance of abnormality. But if the baby is born at 24 weeks with a one in two chance of severe handicap, the parents feel different," Dr van Someren says. "And so do we, the doctors. Any debate should take this into account."

Dr Kaiser recently evaluated the condition of 165 babies, most of whom were born at least eight weeks early, weighing no more than 3lb 5oz. About 130 appeared to have no major physical or mental handicaps. Twenty of the babies had cerebral palsy — of whom five were likely to be severely handicapped. Eight of the babies showed severe developmental delay.

"I think those figures show a very good outcome," says Dr Kaiser. "If the situation continues to work in the way it works now — with doctors and parents making the decisions together about continuing treatment — then sometimes the baby may have more than the optimum amount of care.

"When parents agree the case is hopeless, we take the baby off the ventilator and sedate it to make it comfortable if it shows any signs of distress. We feed the baby, keep it warm and make it comfortable."

Such cases involve babies who are dying. Dr Kaiser points out that if the decision were made on the basis of gestation or weight alone the outcome could be very distressing.

Dr John Wyatt, a consultant neonatal paediatrician at University College Hospital, London, says: "In the 1950s when there was very little care, many premature babies survived but were severely handicapped. To avoid this happening now you would have to find a way of preventing the premature baby from surviving and if you use sedatives that would be murder in my book. The parents would know it was murder too.

"In any case, how can we withhold treatment which is available and which we know will save a baby's life?"

Thousands of thriving children owe their existence to never-say-die — but costly — technology

Lives worth delivering

At today's values, the cost to the NHS of saving Bethan Clark's life was £20,000. Now a healthy, intelligent eight-year-old, Bethan weighed just 2lb 7oz when she was born three months prematurely at Hammersmith hospital, west London.

Yet, without the high-technology intensive medical care that has become available only in recent years, Angela Clark, Bethan's mother, is in no doubt that her daughter would not be alive today. Like many premature babies, she regularly stopped breathing — once for four minutes — and it was only thanks to special monitors that medical staff were alerted to give her life-saving oxygen and, finally, a blood transfusion. Bethan spent eight weeks in hospital and still weighed just 4lb when Mrs Clark brought her home. It is only during the past year, Mrs Clark says, that Bethan has "caught up" with other children her age in terms of size and weight.

"She still has the ethereal look many premature babies have, because their bones are so soft when they are born that their faces are flattened slightly around the eyes. She looks fragile, but that is deceptive," says Mrs Clark, from Hampton, west London.

Mrs Clark has been told by Bethan's teachers that she is average at most things and gifted at sport. "She loves beating the boys at running. She's basically a militant little feminist. I think that, like many premature children who had to fight to survive at all, she has a very definite sense of purpose."

Ten years before Bethan was born, Mrs Clark's sister also gave birth when she was only 28 weeks pregnant. "My sister's baby weighed about the same as Bethan, but he died," she says.

Her reaction to the suggestion in yesterday's report that questions the economic wisdom of saving such babies was one of quiet amazement. "You could say it was a very objective view," Mrs Clark says.

She says the risk that her daughter might have been saved only to be handicapped was one she was willing to take. "My overwhelming desire was for her to live."

Mrs Clark says that the report's argument — that the ability to save the children's lives must be weighed against an array of potential disadvantages — is too simplistic. "I had two other children, now both in their twenties, before Bethan was born, and until she was born if anyone had asked me where life begun I would have said 'outside the womb'. Now, I'm not so sure. There were babies in the premature unit half of Bethan's size."



Early promise: Angela Clark and her daughter Bethan

Mrs Clark says that many such babies were handed to their parents for the last moments of their life after being disconnected from monitoring equipment and ventilators. "That was a regular occurrence and it was done with great dignity," she says. "I don't think the general public are aware of how many premature babies do actually die."

That was something Steve and Victoria Bickle, from Reading, Berkshire, had to face when, in August 1991, their twin son and daughter were born 14 weeks prematurely.

Doctors at St Mary's hospital in Paddington, London, told the Bickles that their son Scott, who weighed just 2lb 5oz, was brain-damaged and had no hope of survival. "They tried for nearly a day to save him, but his lungs were so damaged there was no hope he was going to live. We were told he would have had brain damage as well," Mr Bickle says. With the Bickles' consent, doctors then disconnected the baby boy from all the high technology and let his parents hold him in their arms for the last 20 minutes of his life.

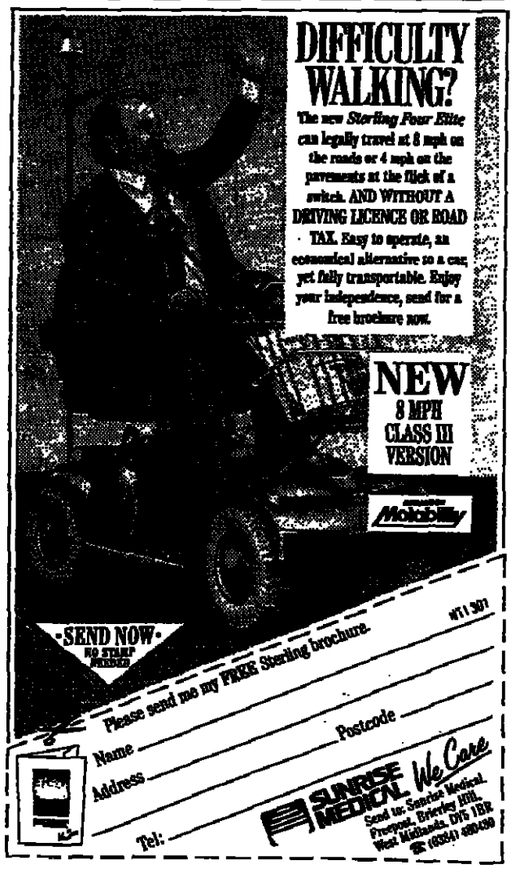
But, thanks to the same technology that prolonged their son's life for just 19 hours, Suzannne, his twin sister, who weighed just 2lb 1oz is a lively, active and intelligent 17-month-old.

Mr Bickle says: "Because she was more than three months premature, we have been told that until she is about five years old we should expect her to be a few months behind children of the same age. But apart from that, she is just like any other little girl.

"She is saying 'Daddy' and trying to stand up and take her first steps. I know only too well that there is a chance that babies like her will survive, only to be handicapped — but I think it is a chance worth taking. The government should be spending more money on premature baby units, not less. Most of the equipment wouldn't be there at all if it weren't for charitable donations."

Asked about the argument that a finite NHS "cake" should be fairly split, Mr Bickle says that the life of an new-born baby must always take priority. "Their life is just beginning. If there is any hope of survival, everything that can be done should be done."

AILEEN BALLANTYNE



TRAVEL

I dreamt that I was flying

Peter Victor puts on his pyjamas and snatches forty winks on British Airway's new transatlantic sleeper service

Waking up with a floating sensation while wearing somebody else's clothes is not improved by looking up to see a strange man lying next to you.

Despite the oddities, however, in New York yesterday British Airways was having to turn away people as news spread that something novel was being introduced which could ease the strain of an eight-hour over-night flight. All 18 first class seats on its Boeing 747 to Heathrow were taken and club class passengers were queuing to try to get an up-grade.

From next Tuesday first class passengers will be given hot chocolate and biscuits while their seats are converted by the cabin staff into something approaching a bed with crisp cotton sheets and a pillow.

> Embarrassingly, my seat broke. It refused to return to the upright position

Passengers will, if they wish, be able to eat a more substantial meal in the airport's first class lounge before boarding. Once on the aircraft, they will be handed a sleeper suit, a cross between pyjamas and a track suit. Then they can cover themselves with a miniature duvet and, with luck, nod off.

"It's about adding value," a company spokesman said. "It's also about maintaining our market share and staying ahead of the competitors. We are responding to our customers' demands."

Market research proved that many did not want a big meal before going to sleep; about half the New York passengers generally dozed off shortly after boarding. They wanted to be able to change out of their work clothes and liked the idea of getting under a duvet.

Val Gooding, BA's general manager marketing, said: "On shorter overnight flights, such as New York-London, our first class passengers want mainly to sleep."

BA, like its competitors, makes good profits from full fares paid on premier seats — Concorde, first class and club world — even though, industry-wide, only one in five first class seats are sold for full fare.

About £240 million of the company's revenue came from first class passengers in the year to September 1992. If more are to be persuaded to hand over the £3,948 fare, instead of £240 for the cheapest Apex return currently available from the airline, they must be given compelling reasons for doing so.

The answer, according to British Airways was to launch a £100 million campaign to improve and then aggressively to market Concorde, first class, club world and the benefits of its re-appointed airport lounges.

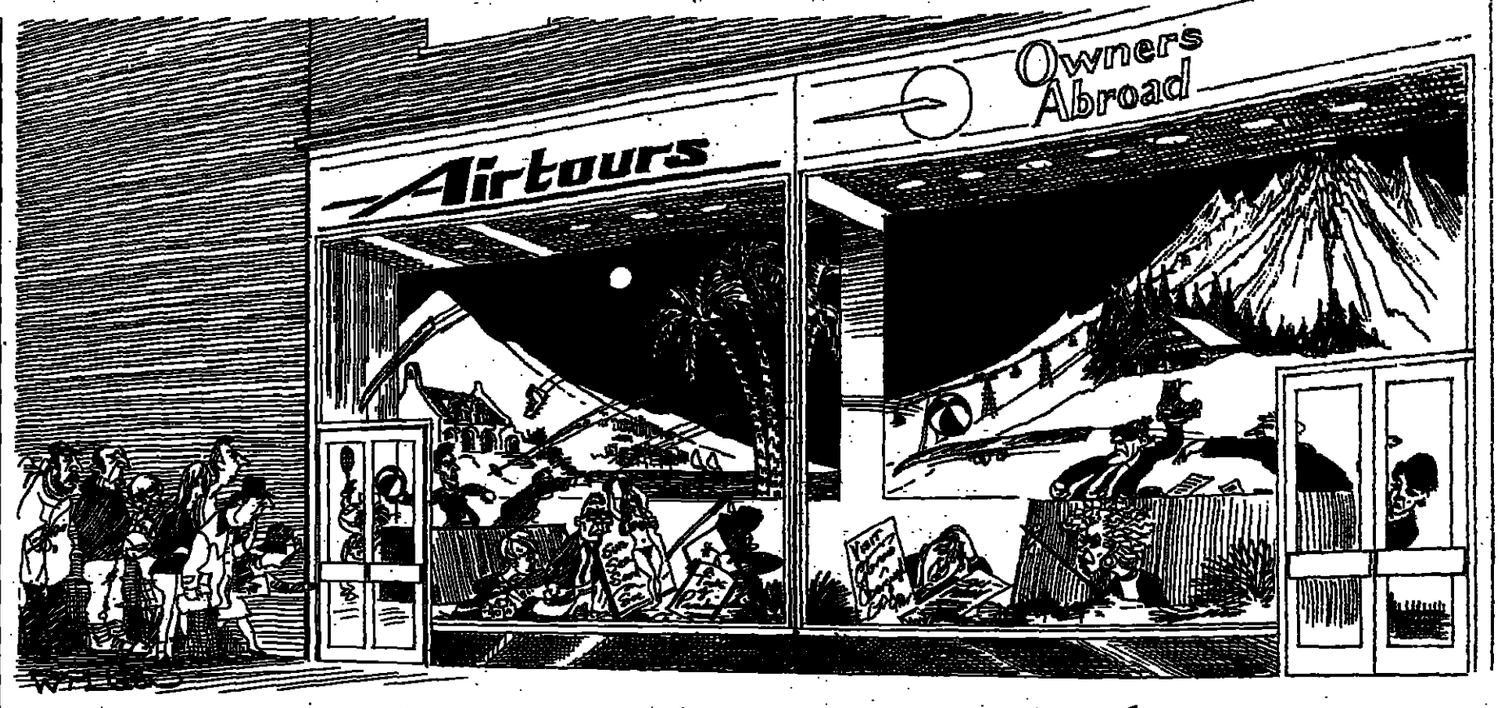
The sleeper seat is one part of that campaign. But does it work?

The dark blue two-piece cotton pyjama suit is certainly more restful than everyday clothes although changing in the lavatory is a little difficult, especially for someone like me — 6ft 2in and 14½ stone.

Having a proper pillow and a small duvet, together with earplugs and a sleep mask, is a vast improvement on the traditional blanket and miniature cushion.

Embarrassingly, my seat broke. When reclined it was not long enough for my legs and while I was wriggling to find a comfortable position something in the seat mechanism gave up, preventing it from returning to the upright position. It was comfortable enough, however, for me to grab a few hours sleep before being woken for breakfast.

There will be 30 flights a day fitted with the sleeper service and BA hopes that, if it proves as popular as yesterday's trial suggests it could be, it will be extended to other international routes.



Swings and roundabouts

Harvey Elliott reports on the history, and likely consequences, of the fierce battle between Airtours and Owners Abroad

Shareholders in two of Britain's biggest holiday companies — Airtours and Owners Abroad — are being bombarded with claims and counter-claims about the value of linking the two in a £237 million deal. If approved, the offer could lead to the creation of the largest travel combine in Britain.

Directors of both sides are pulling no punches as they seek to win over a majority of investors to their view before the closing date of the offer on February 4.

Airtours maintains that the present management of Owners is "unfocused and misdirected" with a confused number of brand names and "disappointing" financial results. Owners claims that the Airtours offer is "unsolicited and opportunistic" and urges its shareholders to reject the bid.

Central to the battle for control is a parallel plan by Owners to link in with Thomas Cook, owned by German interests, to develop a pan-European strategic alliance capable of tapping into the vast European holiday market rather than simply concentrating on Britain.

For the British holiday-maker such a link, involving Owners Abroad, Thomas Cook and the German travel group LTU, could open up destinations used almost exclusively by package holiday-makers from mainland Europe.

For years British tour operators have fought shy of becoming involved in the vast European market because of higher costs, complicated licensing arrangements and the perceived need to have a particular national identity.

With the single market making such alliances far more workable a more important factor has emerged, vertical integration. This will provide a travel group with the three main elements for success: a tour operator to put packages together, travel agencies to sell them and an airline to carry the passengers.

Owners Abroad, the second biggest tour operator in Britain after Thomson, has the airline and the tour operation but not a travel agency. The answer was to agree a complicated deal with Thomas Cook — now owned by a large German bank and the LTU travel group — under which Thomas Cook would take a 10.3 per cent stake in Owners, which in turn would lend Thomas Cook £20 million to develop still further its well-known brand of 340 high street travel agencies. The two groups would then swap directors and create Europe's biggest holiday alliance.

Owners favours the link with Thomas Cook, which has to be agreed first by a meeting of shareholders. However, Airtours wants to be able to compete more equally with Thomson and believes that its bid would provide the new Airtours/Owners group with the three essential travel elements and remain entirely British.

Owners is being pressured by Airtours, which claims that it could make more money by agreeing to the £237 million deal. The outcome could, however, depend on a wider view of whether it is persuaded that Europe really is now one single market or whether the British holiday and travel industry should remain aloof and separate.

For non-shareholders the deal — which might still have to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission — is important because whichever way it is finally settled, the future shape of the British travel industry will be irrevocably changed.

If the Owners/Thomas Cook plan is finalised, British tourists would have a far wider choice of holidays, while German travellers could be carried to British holiday resorts on British-registered jets.

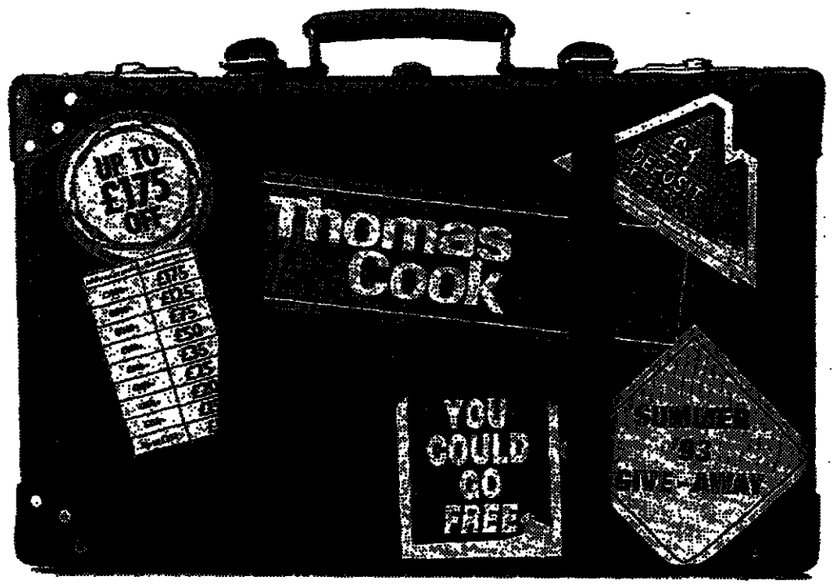
If the Airtours deal is approved, Thomson would almost certainly be goaded into a price war to maintain its market lead and — at least in the short term — there would be great bargains to be had in the high street. Noel Josephides, the chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito), believes that it could prove the death-knell for many smaller travel companies.

Prices being charged for 1993 holidays are artificially and dangerously low, he says, and a price war would make matters worse. "Many years of over-capacity in the market, and price war after price war, have made the British public too price sensitive for its own good."

Travel agency chains are pricing independent agents out of the business, he says. "At the moment, the 10 per cent reductions offered in the short-term by Lunn Poly, Pickfords and others border on unfair trading. These chains are now giving away the equivalent of the full commission which thousands of retail agents receive from operators. The state of the industry is such that next year is going to be a bloodbath."

He is urging members to make their opinions felt. When a clear picture of the proposed takeover emerges, Aito's council will consider its next moves. One possibility would be lobbying the Department of Trade and Industry to try to get the takeover referred to the MMC.

David Crossland, the chairman of Airtours plc, says the "bloodbath" will never happen. A combined Airtours/Owners has a combined market share of 28 per cent but would probably settle down to about 25 per cent, he says. "Every operator that merges loses market share and it is picked up by the smaller boys. Mr Josephides is a small tour operator, as we were in 1989 when we were worried that we wouldn't be able to compete. We proved ourselves wrong and we've been able to grow."



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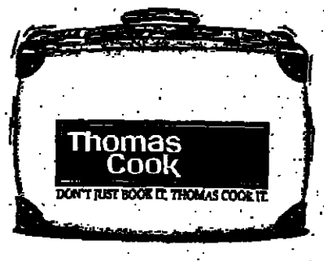
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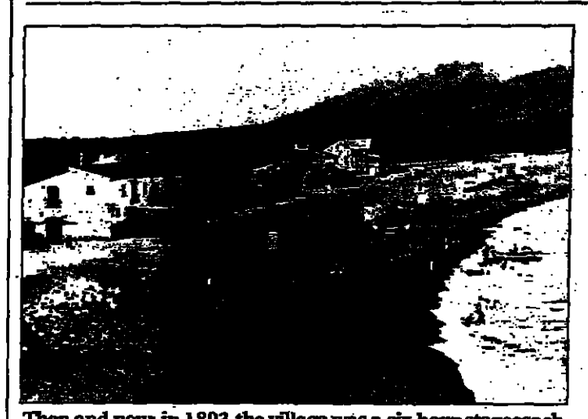
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The Spanish resort has spent £65 million improving its image and facilities



Then and now: in 1893 the village was a six-hour stagecoach trip from Alicante; last year four million people swam there

DOUG GOODMAN



Taking the louts out of Benidorm

Benidorm, the epitome of the modern package holiday resort, is 100 years old this year *(Harvey Elliott writes)*.

The first visitors arrived at the then tiny fishing village by stagecoach — a six-hour journey from Alicante — in 1893 to enjoy the "excellent bathing" and stayed in luxurious villas which cost Pes 3 a night, which is the equivalent of about 2p at today's prices.

Since then, 83 million tourists have visited the resort. However, during the 1970s Benidorm became almost too popular, attracting the lager-louts who helped to create an impression of a town ruined by tourism. Over the past five years the local authority has spent £65 million to change the town's image with enlarged beaches, thousands of palm trees, crèches and playgrounds introduced on the renowned Levante Beach, first aid posts, rescue boats and increased beach patrols, and a ban on unauthorised beach tradesmen.

Benidorm was founded in 1325. Its castle was bombarded by the British in 1812 as they tried to dislodge Napoleonic troops in Spain's war of independence. By 1893 it had a population of 3,500 with fishing, rope-making and agriculture the main industries. A narrow gauge railway line to Alicante was opened in 1910 and so many visitors had begun to arrive by 1936 that it was decided to form a tourist board.

The first package flight from Valencia came in 1949 to a village which then had three hotels and 102 rooms to offer.

When BEA began scheduled services to Valencia in 1957, the boom really began and two years later there were 34 hotels and 1,620 rooms. By 1964 it was Spain's most popular resort with 120,000 visitors a year, a figure which had mushroomed to 1.5 million in 1972 after the opening of the airport at Alicante.

They brought with them over-crowding, loutish behaviour and a general decline in standards which quickly began to turn away the better-off, whom the town still hoped to attract.

In 1988 the five-year improvement plan began which, together with a motorway link between the airport and the town, succeeded in attracting four million visitors last year.

Tour operators now sell Benidorm not only as a family resort in high summer, but as a long term destination for older, often retired, couples.

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Harvey Elliott looks at trips for sports enthusiasts while **Philip Webster** extends his skiing skills

Holidays with get up and go

Mike Griffiths, the British Lions and Swansea rugby full back is today ruing his luck and nursing a broken collar bone. He will miss the entire five nations' competition, which begins for Wales on February 6, having come a cropper while taking part in one of Britain's fastest growing holiday sports — mountain biking.

He and fellow British Lions Tony Clement, the Cardiff prop, and Colin Stephens, the Llanelli outside half, crashed on their mountain bikes while taking a break from warm weather training in Lanzarote.

Most cyclists do not meet such an unfortunate fate. Mountain biking has grown from something involving a handful of enthusiasts in the mid eighties to a thriving sport and leisure activity. There are now 4.5 million mountain bikes in Britain. Not all are used for climbing rocky inclines, people are increasingly taking them on holiday or making them the focus of their holidays.

Estimates suggest that last year more than 600,000 people took holiday trips specifically to go cycling and another million took holidays which involved cycling.

According to the British Mountain Bike Federation, 58 per cent of cyclists are in the 16 to 24 age group. The UK cycling market is worth £365 million and 40 per cent of bikes sold are mountain bikes.

Tourist regions are also picking up on the trend. Almost 32 miles of mountain bike routes were opened last year by Forest Enterprises in Langdale Forest, near Scarborough, North Yorkshire. Since May more than 60 miles of new mountain bike routes have been opened by the North York Moors Forest District which runs 25,000 hectares of woodlands in the region.

As well as offering mountain biking holidays, companies organise one-day rides in the Surrey hills (Action Packs 0306 886944) and the lake district (Lakeland Mountain Bikes 05394 44786).

Favourite European riding spots include the Pyrenees (Borderline Holidays 010 33 62 92 68 95). Trips are available to Morocco and Kenya (Intrepid Trips 0256 893432), the French Alps (Alp Active 071-401 3030) and the Greek Islands (Mountain Beach Holidays 0602 816191).

☐ Less energetic cyclists can book with Susi Madron's Cycling for Softies organisation (061-248-8282) for gentle bike rides through nine French regions. An 11-day "Gentle Tourer" trip to northwest France, including accommodation with dinner, bed and breakfast, bike hire, all transfers and return flights, costs from £587.

☐ For golfers, Brittany Ferries (071-836 5885), has done a deal with 48 uncrowded courses in France enabling them to offer a range of breaks with prices starting at £98 for two nights including ferry crossings with car, bed and breakfast accommodation and green fees. A six-night golf tour, to either France or Spain costs £386 per person.

Green fees in the Costa del Sol have been reduced with 36 courses offering low season fees starting at £12. Playing at Valderama, reckoned to be Europe's best, will, however, cost £70 a round.

☐ For those who just prefer to watch, Austravel (071-287 6318) has put together a package for the British Lions rugby tour in New Zealand from June 21 to July 9. The itinerary includes a stop in Los Angeles for two nights, then on to Wellington for the first match on June 26, overland to Taupo and Rotura before arrival in Auckland on June 29 for the second match on July 3. The tour, which costs £1,599 per person, includes a four-day stop in Fiji on the way home.

☐ Nigel Mansell will make his debut on the IndyCar motor racing circuit in March with his scheduled appearance in the Australian IndyCar Grand Prix. Austravel is offering a three-week package to Brisbane, the Great Barrier Reef and Sydney including the racing driver's big test, for £999 plus grand prix tickets from £35 each bookable in advance.

☐ The dream of the former West Indian fast bowler, Wes Hall, of turning Barbados into the sports training capital of the world, is gradually turning into reality with the opening of a £15 million indoor gymnasium and sports arena built by the Chinese.

Within the next two years, the second phase, out-door facilities for football, hockey, American football, baseball and, naturally, cricket, will be ready at the sports complex being built near Bridgetown.

Mr Hall, now the Caribbean holiday island's tourism minister, said: "We have already attracted some big names to train with us. We can certainly guarantee the very best cricket coaches, including Gordon Greenidge, Sir Garfield Sobers and Joel Garner for example." The second phase of the development will include an accommodation block for 50 people.

☐ Finnchalet (0764 70020) is offering a five-night stay in the Hotel Kakslautten which, for £564 per person, includes flights from Heathrow to Helsinki, transfers to the hotel, half-board accommodation and the use of a typical Finnish sauna with, for those so inclined, runs through the snow and the chance to dive into a nearby river through a hole hacked in the ice.

☐ Sailing and yachting courses, with Royal Yachting Association instruction, are available from Acorn Activities (0432 357335). A two-day dinghy sailing course based at Dale, Dyfed, costs £90 excluding accommodation. Farmhouse accommodation is available from £20 a night. More experienced sailors stay on board 32ft or 38ft yachts based in Milford Haven at prices ranging from £145 for a two-day course to £385 for five days.

☐ The London Clinic (071-935 4444) is offering fitness assessment tests for people who want to prepare themselves for an active holiday. The tests can also assess existing muscle damage or strain. People can make an appointment direct with the clinic. The tests, which last from about 30 minutes to over an hour depending on individual needs, cost from £32 to £74.



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ON THE PISTE

Help for skiers stuck in a rut

Teams of British ski experts in the Alps are rekindling the enthusiasm of skiers who thought they had reached the limit of their abilities years ago.

Advanced and intermediate skiers are being sent back to school — and gaining the sort of satisfaction they derived in that magical first week when they put on skis for the first time and progressed from beginner to skier in a few days.

A handful of British companies dotted around the Alps are offering skiers the opportunity to improve their skills and move up from the plateau on which they may have settled complacently for too long.

One such firm is Optimum Ski Courses. From its base camp at-a 19-bed chalet in Le Pre, Villaroger, a peaceful village in the French Alps linking into the substantial Les Arcs ski area, it runs a series of intensive courses designed to help skiers improve their technique on and off the piste, and on the region's bump-fields.

Chalky White and Martin Rowe, highly qualified veterans of the much-respected ski school at Soldeu, Andorra, offer customers courses that combine progressive techniques with close individual scrutiny of every skier.

They do so by limiting groups to a maximum of eight and ensuring that members are of similar abilities. One course last week taken by the company's newest coach Phil James brought together four skiers each with some 30 weeks of skiing experience behind them. At the end, customers and coach were agreed: all had made marked improvements.

Mr Rowe ascertains the standards of would-be course members by questioning them over the telephone. Beginners are not taken.

Out on the slopes the skiers are often taken back to basics as the coaches iron out long uncorrected faults. Ahead lies progress.

A company photographer videos individual performances. The results are analysed in group discussion over drinks in the chalet. It is a wonderful discipline. Determination to put right glaring deficiencies is reinforced by the knowledge that they are being recorded.

The aim is to impart as much knowledge as possible in the time available. Lectures are given in the evenings on ski equipment and maintenance.

Each day starts with a rigorous workout at the top of the first main lift. All groups are brought together and taken by Mr White and Mr James through a exercise and aerobic routine to reduce the risk of strains on the early runs. Lessons last for four hours, leaving plenty of time for free skiing and practice.

The cost of running courses means that these holidays are slightly dearer than average. A week in Optimum's Chalet Tarentaise costs £310 for excellent food and accommodation and £145 for the skill course. Travel to the resort, which Optimum can arrange, is additional. The price appears to be well worth it for those who want to go home feeling they have stepped off the plateau.

● *Optimum: in London, 081-950 3911; in France, 010 33 7906 9126.*



New horizons: experienced skiers can benefit from going back to school

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It is also the cabin where airlines like to put travel agents who have sold their tickets, MPs who might be able to put in a good word in high places and, I must admit, journalists who might then write good things about the service they receive.

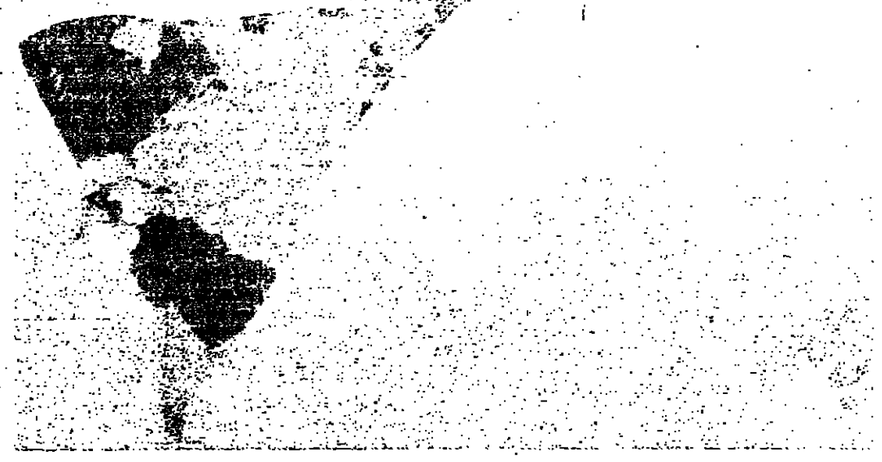
Nonetheless most airlines think it is worth keeping their first class section, even though it holds only a fraction of the number of seats which they could cram into a one class aircraft. Some airlines, notably Continental, are scrapping first class and instead improving facilities offered in business class in the hope of attracting more full fare paying passengers. It is a trend that is likely to gather pace over the next few years.

Meanwhile British Airways remains committed to the "first class" concept, as can be seen from Peter Victor's report (opposite page) on its new sleeper seat. The company is also making handsome profits on its Concorde operation which is even more expensive than first class but which, because of its speed and exclusivity, attracts the very rich in a seemingly endless stream.

Not all airlines offer exactly the same degree of comfort, however and, with the help of Reed Travel, we have compiled a list (right) of some of the facilities on offer.

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Time to offer a wider choice

THE one in ten people in Britain who are disabled have a far narrower choice of holidays than the able-bodied. Correcting the imbalance, the Royal Association of Disability and Rehabilitation, (071-637 5400) has published its 1993 edition of *Holidays in the British Isles: A Guide for Disabled People*, which has details of more than 1,000 hotels, guest houses, self-catering cottages and flats, holiday parks, activity centres, camp sites and centres providing specialist services and care.

The £5 publication also lists advice, voluntary and commercial organisations for people with disabilities, as well as transport services and suggestions of places to visit.

☐ In troubled times it pays to stick together, and when Pride of Britain, a group of Britain's finest privately-owned hotels, met this month to review progress its members were relieved to celebrate the fact that they had all managed to survive one of the hotel industry's toughest years.

Tony Elliott, the group's chairman, said: "Everybody pools all sorts of creative ideas for saving money, and we can make a much bigger impact worldwide by joint marketing. The whole is far greater than the sum of individuals."

Three new recruits to the 29-strong aristocracy of Britain's smaller hotels are Ockenden Manor, of Cuckfield, West Sussex, Buckland-tout-Saints, of Kingsbridge, Devon, and Sunlaws House Hotel, run by the Duke of Roxburghe, in Kelso, Borders.

☐ Visitors to Greece are having to pay £15 each in a tax designed to raise cash to improve airport facilities throughout the country. Some travel operators are passing on the surcharge. Others, such Airtours, are bearing the cost themselves.

☐ **Travel is edited by Harvey Elliott**

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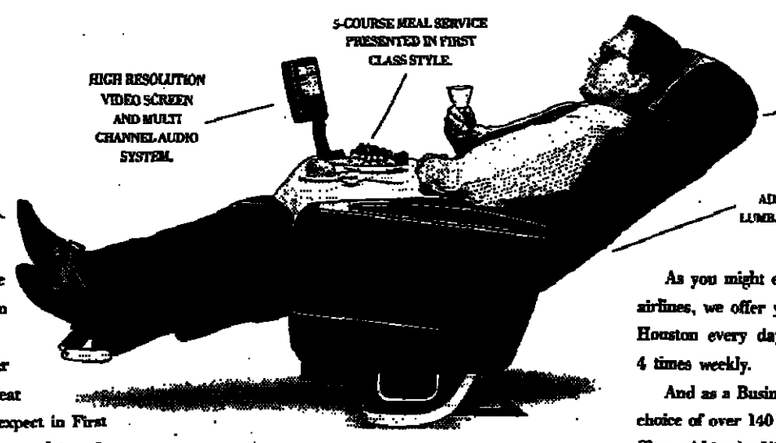
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Philip Howard



■ Inspector Morse broke the ultimate taboo: he said what he meant and was rude

So farewell then, Inspector Morse. We shall not look upon your like again. The television was always better than the books, confounding the experts by getting nearly 20 million viewers to watch a complex plot for two hours at peak viewing time. Part of the attraction was nostalgia for Brideshead with clues, the dear old city of screaming tyres and teeming blood, and for topographical typo-spotting by old Oxford bores. (Modern dons are not really like that, if they ever were.) But part was the performance by John Thaw as the grumpy and intellectual inspector, named after the intellectual and cultivated but distinctly ungrumpy chairman of Lloyds Bank. Inspector Morse was boozy and lecherous and all the things a conventional hero ought not to be. He broke the Englishman's ultimate taboo. He said what he meant, and was rude, even to his superiors and women.

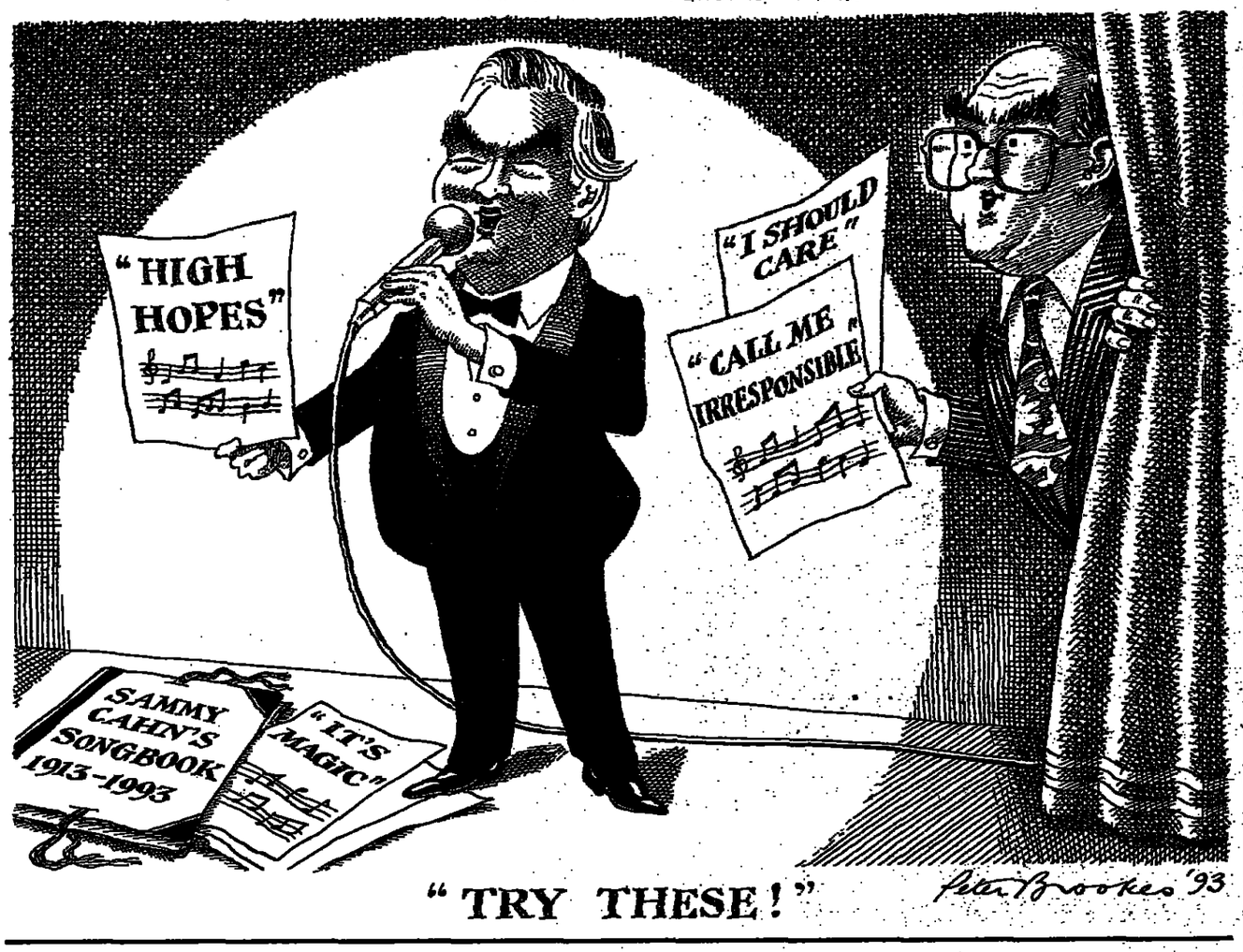
Courtesy makes cowards of us all, especially the English, who are still timid about making fools of ourselves in public, and would die rather than complain about bad food. When someone does so, we scowl at our curry in embarrassment. We are polite people, and on the whole it is a better way to get through the day than its opposite.

But our politeness leads to illogicalities. The current catchphrase to disagree with someone is "not necessarily". (It even became the basis for the lyrics of a song by Gershwin.) This is the pine marten of politeness in disagreement, because in this contingent universe hardly anything is necessarily so. "Necessary" means something that is characterised by the impossibility of being otherwise. The only things in our muddled world that have that character are logical or mathematical statements, such as two plus two equals four. And those are true only because we have laid down rules that make them necessarily so. It is possible to invent other systems of mathematics or logic, in which two plus two would not equal four or in which "All men are mortal, Socrates is a man, therefore Socrates must die", would not be a syllogism. "And it must follow, as the night the day", seems necessarily so. But it is possible to think of examples with Arctic and Antarctic, Northern Lights, eclipses and other intrusive phenomena such as comets or bombs where night does not follow day.

Nothing is necessarily so, if you are being pedantic about it, in the sense of being impossible to be otherwise. Rivers *can* run uphill, and, I dare say, men can give birth. At least the male amoeba can. It is highly probable that the Circle line on the London Underground will carry me clockwise to Tower Hill to the word laboratory tomorrow. But it is by no means necessary. So when we say, as we all do, "Not necessarily", we are making the most platitudinous of remarks, the woolliest of disagreements.

There may be occasions when the exact thing to say will be "not necessarily". But these will be rare and philosophical. For most part the buzz-phrase is evasion and weakness. Sometimes when people say that something is "not necessarily so", they merely mean it is not always so. More often they mean that something is in their opinion not so at all, but from fear or English politeness are not prepared to come out like Morse and say so. As an old, and historically distorted, and sophisticated language, English is incomprehensible by the literal-minded. May its ambiguities flourish. They are the source of civility as well as poetry.

"Stop me if you have heard this before," is another invitation that is not necessarily sincere, much like, "To cut a long story short". Henry Irving said it to Mark Twain: "You haven't heard this, have you?" Mark Twain assured him he had not. A little later Irving paused and asked the same question. Mark Twain made the same answer. Irving then worked his way up to the punch-line, before breaking off again — "Are you quite sure you haven't heard this?" The third time was too much. "I can lie once," said Twain, "I can lie twice, for courtesy's sake, but I draw the line there. I cannot lie the third time at any price. I not only heard the story, I invented it." That was not necessarily polite. Or even true, in the case of such peacocks with words. Morse would have stopped Irving the first time. Let us hope that last night was not necessarily the last we see of the blunt Inspector.



Clinton's savvy generation

Clever and ruthless young women instead of grey old men are tasting power for the first time in the new administration

William Rees-Mogg

President Clinton is the hope of my generation," says Jodie Foster, the star of *Silence of the Lambs*. Jodie Foster has already entered the political history of America; an obsession with an earlier performance of hers led a young man to shoot President Reagan ten years ago. Now her generation, with its strange mixture of practical ruthlessness, charm and idealism, is the rising one in American politics — particularly the young women. "This nation pins all its hopes on the Clinton-Gore ticket. I have never seen this town so atwitter with excitement," said a young Washington journalist who was on the Clinton-Gore coach.

President Bush had alienated the Jodie Foster generation to an extraordinary degree. As president he was everything they are not. He was old; they are young. He was upper class; they are middle class. He was old money; they are new earners. He was inarticulate; they are articulate. He was fuddy-duddy; they are tightly focused. He stood for patriarchal values, even if they were called family values; they stand for women's liberation. He came from the immediate post-war establishment; they were born after that war, perhaps a generation after, and see the old white Ivy League establishment as a corpse with halitosis.

Mr Bush never began to understand the Jodie Foster generation and they never began to trust him. Even on abortion, where they differed from him, they did not respect him, but believed that his opposition to abortion was politically rather than ethically determined.

Bill Clinton himself is not in the mainstream of the new generation in the way that John F. Kennedy seemed to be at his inauguration in 1961. He is rather older than the main current of the new generation, he is too obviously an obsessive professional politician, he belongs to the "good ol' boy" political culture of the white south. The new age is not led by good ol' boys but by bright young women. Fortunately for him, his wife Hillary comes from this group of dynamic young women; for the inauguration she has even changed her hairstyle to demonstrate her sympathy for their fashionable look.

The new president respects his wife's brains because he has very good brains himself. Most American presidents have not been particularly clever. They rely heavily on other people for their speeches, their policies and their ideas. Their role is one of selection and presentation.

Mr Clinton is not like that. He has won his way to the White House by being his own speechwriter, his own policy adviser and his own ideas man. That is how he is used to operating. But he will not be able to continue to do so, because the president's burden of work will make it impossible. The president has a full-time job in choosing from policies which have been crafted by other people, and using his unique power to persuade the world to accept them. People also doubt whether his ability to see all sides of all questions has not made him indecisive. Hamlet would not have made a good president.

In his appointments one can see the developing outline of President Clinton's strategy. The young generation is represented particularly by the nomination of Zoe Baird, the first woman ever to be appointed attorney-general. She is only 40, and would be one of the youngest attorney-generals in American history. Yet the jobs with the most power have gone to conservative old men. Warren Christopher, the cautious and experienced secretary of state is 67, and Lloyd Bentsen, the secretary of the treasury is 71. He is a wonderfully tough old Texan, as hard and polished as an old saddle. Les Aspin, the secretary of defense, is 54, but is increasingly interventionist in his attitudes.

These central indications of a conservative strategy are reinforced by the appointment of the tough-minded Admiral James Woolsey as director of the CIA and, in economic affairs, of Leon Panetta as director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr Panetta was formerly a Democratic member of the House of Representatives from California and chairman of the House budget committee. One observer describes him as "almost the only deficit cutter" in the last Congress. His deputy director, Alice Rivlin, has already been talking about the possibility of cutting entitlements. These are appointments which show that President Clinton regards cutting the deficit as central to his economic policy, and gaining the assent of Congress as the condition of cutting the deficit.

Yesterday's inauguration was the fifth time in this century that the Democrats have gained the White House. Woodrow Wilson won the election of 1912; Franklin Roosevelt won in 1932; John F. Kennedy won in 1960 and Jimmy Carter in 1976. The first three were members of the East Coast establishment; Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton come from the south, from Georgia and Arkansas. Each of the first three were activists who greatly expanded the power of the presidency. Woodrow Wilson, for instance, created the Federal Reserve Board and federal income tax, and took America into the first world war. Jimmy Carter, a weak president, alone tended to lose power. Will Bill Clinton be one of the big, power-enhancing presidents like Roosevelt or Kennedy, or will he be another Jimmy Carter, a southern Democrat who won the presidency but could not handle the problem?

There is no doubt what the president wants for himself. He did not go to pray at Kennedy's memorial for nothing. Indeed he might well look to strong international action as the way to gain momentum for difficult domestic reforms.

In international and defence decisions he has two advantages. The first is that the United States is now the only defence superpower, but is one of three major economic powers. The second is that the president takes the decisions in foreign policy, but Congress takes the final decisions on the budget. President Clinton can show his strength overseas, and use the reputation of that strength at home.

The two flaming world crises are Iraq and Bosnia. Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic should adapt their strategies to the new reality of American power. They have been dealing with a defeated lame-duck president; they are now dealing with a new president who has the political capacity to intervene where he can do so effectively. In American history the big presidencies have all been interventionist, and the big presidents, Washington, Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, have engaged in war.

However, this will bring the president back to his greatest problem, the American economy and the American budget deficit. During the Reagan presidency of two terms, the budget deficit doubled; it doubled again in President Bush's single term. All analysts recognise the danger of accelerating deterioration. President Clinton not only wants to halt the acceleration of the deficit, he wants to cut it by half. If he cannot achieve a reduction, United States finance will have reached the Italian stage by the end of his first term; the debt will be out of control.

To cut the deficit he needs continued recovery in the American economy, but the recovery remains weak — the January employment and money supply figures are not good. He needs to reduce the net cost of welfare entitlements. The tax cut for the middle classes is out of the question. He probably needs Congress to pass a gasoline tax — though that would be easier if Iraq's oil came back on the market and oil prices fell further.

Above all he needs reform of Medicare and health costs. The United States spends three times as much per head on health as the United Kingdom, and has worse health care for at least a third of the population. Health insurance is such a burden on industry that Ford has to spend more on health than on steel.

The conservative tone of President Clinton's appointments has not gone unnoticed by the liberal press. *The New York Times* has published hostile leading articles. Even Zoe Baird has been attacked, nominally for employing illegal immigrants, but really because she was not the preferred liberal nominee.

No new president has had to face so critical a press so early. But the people who voted for him are still with Bill Clinton. There is a big gap between his rhetoric and his objectives, but they feel hope because the younger generation has come to power.

How to end this slump

Nicholas Ridley on a way out of our deflationary woes

It is wonderful how much more optimism there is about the economy since we left the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM). Why anyone should want to re-enter it is beyond me. But has enough really been done to get the economy going?

There remains one other large worry. What should be done about the burgeoning public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR). Broadly, the government needs to borrow £37 billion this year, and £44 billion to £50 billion next year. These enormous sums represent about 6, 7 and 8 per cent of gross national product. To borrow that much from the private sector is to remove much of the savings which are the lifeblood of commercial and industrial investment, and at a time when the banks are not exactly lending recklessly. Some of it may come from abroad, but a billion pounds a week, which is what it works out at, is bound to make a large hole in the private sector's resources.

The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, clearly believes we need to reduce the PSBR because at present it means borrowing too much, too quickly. But as John Major seems to be vetoing every conceivable tax increase, it is hard to see how the Chancellor can reduce it. Mr Major is alleged to believe that the imminent recovery will float us all out of the PSBR swamp in no time at all. But it would take a very large and rapid recovery indeed for that to happen. There would have to be forests of green shoots bursting out everywhere. I believe it is not remotely likely to happen; certainly not within the required timescale and with unchanged policies.

The vital point about the PSBR, however, is how it is funded — or how the money is raised to cover government spending which exceeds the yield of taxation. It can be — in the jargon — "fully funded", "overfunded" or "underfunded". If it is fully funded, exactly the right amount of money is borrowed from the private sector to cover the excess of government spending over its tax revenue and other resources. Overfunding means borrowing more than is needed, and underfunding means borrowing less and making up the difference by borrowing from the banks.

Borrowing from the banks is inflationary. It enables the banks to lend more to the private sector on the basis of the Treasury bills they buy when they lend to the government. In other words it would stimulate the economy and give a boost to recovery. Overfunding has the opposite effect. It takes money from the private sector which cannot then be invested. Full funding is neutral in its effect upon the economy.

Believe it or not, at present the government is overfunding its borrowing. Of the £37 billion needed for the current financial year, it had already raised £33 billion by last November. Gilts sales and auctions are continuing at the rate of about £2½ billion a month: the next one has just been announced. At this rate it might borrow around £10 billion more than it needs for this year, thus further depressing the economy. If, by contrast, it had underfunded by £10 billion, there would have been £20 billion more left in the private sector, and the banks' greater liquidity would have been a useful stimulus to recovery.

Thus with one bound the government could be free. It could both cover its borrowing requirement and give further stimulus to recovery by reversing the policy of overfunding to one of underfunding. If not, the £44 to £50 billion the government needs to raise next year will cripple the private sector.

Does the economy need a further stimulus and would it be inflationary? Most commentators believe the signs of recovery are both dubious and confused. The vital broad measure of money supply (M4) is still growing below target, and below what monetarists believe is needed. There is still ample anecdotal evidence of weakness in order books and domestic demand. Business failures and unemployment are still marching upwards. My own judgment is that six of the seven wise men are right, and that a further cut in interest rates is needed. Underfunding would not prevent the government from borrowing what it needs from the banks if interest rates were one or two points lower.

So why not do it? The government's reluctance could be connected to its long-term aim of rejoining the ERM. It is much more likely, however, that it fears a resumption of inflation. Some in the City fear this too. It is not, however, a fear that I share. Demand is so weak that any rise in inflation will merely stave off further pressure on companies' ability to survive. Even those importing raw materials at increased prices have found themselves unable to pass on increased costs. The money supply remains inadequate: it is possible that inflation is now zero or even negative, and an increase in the rate would merely bring it back up to where it ought to be. Underfunding is an obvious policy to right both wrongs over the next few quarters.

None of this justifies the projected excessive level of government borrowing in the longer term. This year's two Budgets should bring it back to manageable proportions over the next two or three years. Underfunding would not only speed recovery, but make that task easier too.

Lord Ridley was Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1959-92.

Chuff-chuff buff

MINISTERS can hardly have been surprised by the unsympathetic tone of the transport select committee's report yesterday on railway privatisation as its principal author, Robert Adley, the Tory MP for Christchurch, is a self-confessed railway buff. But the extent of his devotion to the railways, and particularly the golden age of steam, may come as a surprise.

Adley reveals all in his book, the misleadingly titled *Out of Steam*, a vitriolic account of the railway system since Dr Beeching's notorious report in 1963. Adley has given a copy to the Commons library which he has signed: "*Out of Steam* — but never on this subject. A very good read (author)."

In the introduction to the 178-page book he writes: "It is important to prevent one's prejudices totally capturing one's pen. Critical I can certainly be of railway and management and ministerial intentions. But I am committed to the railway to a degree that prevents me from fulfilling the role of the dispassionate author." No doubt critics of his select committee report, beginning with the transport secretary John MacGregor, will agree.

Adley, whose Commons office is decorated with railway memorabilia, has illustrated the tome with his own collection of photographs, of which he writes: "There are few more melancholy sights than withdrawn locomotives being towed dead to their places of dismemberment." Apart, that is, from the withdrawn select committee chairman being towed away by the whips to meet a similar fate.

Stark staring

A BITTER war of words has erupted over the publication next month of a biography of Dame Freya Stark. The author, Molly Izzard, has been accused by John Murray, Stark's publisher, of "disliking" Stark and "not even understanding her writing". Ironically it was Murray who first encouraged Izzard to write the book in 1979, only to refuse to publish it when he saw the final draft two years ago. It is now being published by Hodder & Stoughton.

Murray claims that Izzard was "determined to write a biography and we gave her all the support she needed. We even let her interview us on numerous occasions. But she disliked her subject and because of that the book was obviously going to suffer. You wait — the reviews will show that.

"She tells only one side of the story — only the warts. She only met Dame Freya three times and the first time Freya was already an old woman and her memory had gone. How can you judge someone on that?"

Izzard rebuts this. "Jock Murray [John's father] is very protective of Freya. His one bit of advice to me was to "keep it light". I wanted to break through this veil. Freya's friends couldn't wait to tell me stories about her. I didn't want to write a cosy, women's page book. There are quite a few warts. Her reputation is not all spotless — Wilfred Thesiger told me she couldn't write any better than your 'average embassy secretary'."

DIARY

Room disservice

CAMBRIDGE veterans, alarmed by the news that the Downing College drinking club, known, prophetically, as the Exiles, has been disbanded, will be relieved to learn that bad behaviour is not the prime cause. It was more the club's poor choice of dining room.

After decades of practice most Cambridge venues have grown accustomed to the boisterous behavior of undergraduate dining clubs. The university Pitt Club, for example, designates its Hoop room as the venue for the wanton dinners of the True Blue and Beefsteak clubs. "The room is absolutely indestructible," a former president of the Pitt Club and True Blue confides. "I've seen it coated in baked Alaska — and much worse — but it was absolutely fine the next day."

The Exiles' mistake was to choose the pristine quarters of the Hawks' Club — the university sports club — for its misdemeanours. "The building was brand new," says Jonathan Arscott, the Club's president. "For ten years we have been without a premises — a large amount of money was spent on getting the mortgage and decorating the building. It was opened last term by Prince Philip. It was entirely the wrong venue for a food fight."

Touchingly, however, Mr Arscott has already received letters of apology from the disgraced Exiles. "I think they felt terrible the next day," he says. "I'm not sure if they've really been disbanded. After all if 12 boys want to have a drink together, there's not a lot you can do to stop them." Quite so.

Mane man

FORGET Maastricht, Iraq and Bill Clinton. The subject dominating Commons tea rooms this week is Michael Heseltine's famous golden locks. Or, more to the point, his not-so-golden locks.

Suspicion is growing at Westminster that Tarzan, as he is not always affectionately known, is starting to show signs of age. That familiar shock of blonde hair is not, say eagle-eyed MPs, what it was — even as recently as October's party conference.

One possible explanation advanced is damage to the Heseltine follicles caused by the horrendous row over the closure of the coal pits, a political own goal which appears to have put his long hoped for occupancy of Number 10 permanently out of reach.

Less kind souls, however, suggest an alternative. They say that Heseltine has abandoned the dye bottle for the natural ageing process. Teresa Gorman, the Tory MP for Billericay and one of the most famous Commons blondes, is suspicious. "I never trust men who dye their hair. I am not saying Michael does. But if he did, perhaps he has decided to age gracefully," she says. "I also want to know what he eats to keep such a thick mane of hair at his age." A Heseltine aide is enigmatic: "Everything about Mr Heseltine is natural."



● *MI5, you may recall, broke the Portland spy ring in 1961 by mounting a covert surveillance of Peter and Helen Kroger's innocuous-looking Ruislip bungalow from a nearby house. Now the Cold War is over they have clearly adopted less expensive methods — the house currently sports two Neighbourhood Watch stickers.*

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SEASON OF SERVICE

President Clinton sets out his vision for America

The day of inauguration is the day when an American president must rise above dramas of politics and reach to the higher duty of representing his country. President Clinton made that leap yesterday with an almost sacral speech which mixed hopes of national renewal with hard words for those who would thwart his will.

The first address from the 42nd president was shorter than has become the custom of recent ceremonies: from a famously prolix man, it was all the more effective for that brevity. The most important words were for Saddam Hussein in Iraq, for the expansionist leaders of Serbia and for all others who might defy "the will and conscience of the international community": the force of America will not be used only in the American national interest, the new president promised, but for the values which America wants the world to share.

The second message of substance was for Washington itself, the city of "intrigue and calculation" as President Clinton described it. Although this theme of selfish, self-interested congressmen was from the heart of the election campaign, it was not specifically from his own campaign. Ross Perot, Patrick Buchanan, Bob Kerrey and even finally President Bush himself had called for "change" in the way that the governors represented the governed. Americans voted for Bill Clinton because they judged him most likely to deliver that ill-defined something that was different from before. Yesterday he tried to show that, at least on his first day as president, he had not forgotten those many days as candidate.

The mood in Washington was light. Even politicians who were being told to give up their influence-fights and join a "democratic renewal" looked cheerful — perhaps because they knew that there was not the slightest chance of that happening. The president, however, was determined — almost palpably determined — to be dark and presidential. Amid the colonnades of the Capitol he wrapped himself in the neo-classical trappings that have always had a firm Washington appeal. He seemed almost priestly as he intoned "the mystery of American renewal", mixing images of winter and spring, sunshine and cold as though the Senate behind him was from two thousand years ago. This was not a Bill Clinton that had ever been seen on the hustings. It may not be Bill Clinton at all. But, for fifteen minutes yesterday, this was a speech which aimed to unite a country.

In the coming months America will begin to see whether it made the right choice from those who offered change. George Bush yesterday received the spoils of the vanquished, a polite word of thanks for his service and a plane ticket home to Houston. The beaten Democratic contenders resumed their old jobs in the Congress and the lobbying halls, watchful to see whether the man who won the votes will win the voters' respect.

President Clinton can now leave the rhetorical high ground and return to the realm of policies which he knows rather better. In some areas he his plans are well advanced. He called for a "season of service" from the young; and he knows that student loans can be repaid by work in the broken communities of the inner city. He called for reform in health care; and he knows that there are almost as many plans to achieve that end as there are diseases to be cured. The troubles ahead will lie in politics not the policies, in a city of legislators who give short honeymoons even to presidents of their own side, in a world of enemies for whom the classical idealism of America is as alien as a distant planet.

HEALTHY INFORMATION

Tobacco advertising should not be banned

The campaign to outlaw tobacco advertising was bolstered yesterday by the strong support of the select committee on health and the launch of a private member's bill to implement the existing EC ban. Political pressure to restrict this commercial freedom is greater than ever; but Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, should vigorously resist the temptation to promote preventive medicine by censorship.

Smoking is an undesirable, anti-social habit, the perils of which are quite clear. More than 75,000 people a year die from smoking-related illnesses, so it is possible, if unproved, that a reduction in the numbers of smokers would be a net financial gain to the health service. The government aims to reduce the number of smokers from 30 per cent of the population to 20 per cent by the end of the century. Anti-smoking lobby groups have inevitably seized upon this commendable target as grounds for an immediate advertising ban.

The tide of events is in their favour. Australia, Canada and most of the EC countries have already introduced bans, which, according to a health department report last year, have reduced tobacco consumption by up to 16 per cent. There is some evidence that young teenagers respond to heavy advertising when they choose their first brand. British incorporation of the EC directive, as proposed by Labour's Hugh Bayley, might well improve public health.

But freedom of speech is also a public good. Restrictions on tobacco advertising are already tight in this country, enshrined in a separate cigarette code which is enforced on a voluntary basis by the Advertising Standards Authority. In an arrangement unique to the tobacco industry, all cigar and cigarette advertisements are individually screened by the authority — which rejects three-quarters of them, on the grounds that they urge the habit upon non-smokers, or encourage those who are already smokers to increase their consumption. Television advertising for cigarettes is wholly prohibited. This is an unsung instance of successful self-regulation.

The EC proposals — evidence of the true limits of "subsidiarity" — would outlaw advertising except in shops selling tobacco products. Advertisers, who are meant to supply properly regulated market information to consumers, would thus be allowed to preach only to the converted. But such a restriction would be an absurd anomaly, given that the market in tobacco is quite lawful.

Most free societies allow activities that involve a measure of risk: drinking alcohol, fast driving and sexual intercourse are all potentially fatal. It is legitimate to ask whether the activities themselves should be restricted or even banned. In this case, the government could easily impose higher duties on tobacco or stiffer sentences for retailers who sell cigarettes to children.

But to permit the sale of a commodity while banning information about it would be a preposterous step, an affront to our supposed new culture of choice and freedom of information. There could be no better example of the state's inclination, observed by de Tocqueville, "to keep men in perpetual childhood". Mrs Bottomley is free to intensify her own anti-smoking advertising. Her campaign for preventive health care should be based on more information rather than less.

POINTLESS PURDAH

Economic policy would work better with more open debate

If a Treasury minister, catching sight of a journalist across the foyer of a theatre tonight cuts him dead, it will not be simply because the newspaper concerned has called for his boss's resignation. All ministers and officials at the Treasury are in official purdah for the three months up to Budget day. That means no meetings, no drinks, no lunches with journalists or lobbyists.

This year is even more restrictive than usual. Because there are to be two Budgets — one in March, one in December — Treasury men will be allowed to open their mouths for only six months of the year; and for much of that time they will be in Tuscany or the Dordogne enjoying the summer recess. One period of purdah will dissolve almost unnoticed into the next.

Meanwhile security is tight. Those ministers and officials involved in drawing up the Budget have to store all their papers in two envelopes (so nothing can be deduced from holding them up to the light) and then keep them in a safe. Only "Budget-cleared" secretaries may see the papers and security guards carry out spot checks to ensure that each document is where it is supposed to be. Those in purdah have to report all the people they have seen in the evenings and at weekends.

The object of such obsessive security is hardly a nuclear code that could destroy the world or a list of spies who could be tortured and killed if uncovered. It is merely the sort of discussion about fiscal tinkering that goes on quite openly in almost every other Western democracy.

Yet leaks of the Budget are feared more than any others. In 1936 Jimmy Thomas the Colonial Secretary, had to resign after revealing details of an increase in the import duty on tea. In 1947 Hugh Dalton casually told the lobby correspondent of *The Star* on his way into the Commons Chamber what the rise in cigarette duty was to be. *The Star* was on the news stands with the increase before the Chancellor had even stood up to speak. Dalton also resigned.

But so what if a few hundred people managed to buy a packet of cigarettes at the old rate? The government claims that if the Budget were discussed in advance, or if ministers even hinted at a measure before the day, people would be able to profit from the information. That is rich from a prime minister, who, on Tuesday, berated his opponent for being anti-profit. All manner of speculative trading takes place before the Budget each year — and the big speculative profits are not connected with tax reforms, but with changes in interest and exchange rates, which can be made on any day of the year, as the government now knows only too well.

The real reason for purdah is that the government is terrified of opening up economic policy for public debate. Ideally, there should be a green paper before each Budget so that people have a chance to contribute their views on the options before the Chancellor actually makes up his mind. That would avoid the taking of stupid decisions, not unknown at Budget time. Above all it would be consonant with John Major's declared aim of opening up government. Time for some glasnost at the Treasury.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for debate on legal aid

From Mr John Macdonald, QC

Sir, Your legal correspondent rightly draws attention to proposals for alleviating the ill effects of imminent cuts in the legal aid budget (reports, January 19, 20). Such proposals underline a dire situation.

As from April 1993, only those whose disposable income is so low as to qualify them for income support will be entitled to free legal aid, and only they will qualify for the "green form" scheme, which covers initial advice, often on whether a person has a legal case or not.

Those on higher incomes (up to a maximum which will be set at the same level as for this year) will have to pay a contribution of one third of their disposable income for as long as their case lasts, which may be years.

That the Lord Chancellor is making a fundamental mistake about legal aid is revealed in his written answer in the House of Lords on November 12, 1992: "My objective is . . . to bring the means assessment for legal aid more closely into line with that used for other means-tested benefits." Legal aid was never intended as, and has never been, a welfare benefit in the same sense as income support. The only similarity is the fact that there is a means test. Only someone concerned more with money than justice could be misled by this fact.

Legal aid exists to provide a professional service which those who need it could not otherwise afford. Like those who need to see a doctor, lawyers' clients are often victims of circumstances outside their control or face serious situations for which expert help is needed. Those unlikely to win their cases will normally fail the merits test which every legal aid applicant has to pass.

Lord Mackay claims that he accepts the necessity for a comprehensive strategy based on people's legal needs rather than running away from them by withdrawing funding. Yet the tentative experiments of the Legal Aid Board in franchising legal services, the results of the civil justice review and the exhortations of the Citizen's Charter amount to no more than tinkering at the edges: the cuts in legal aid eligibility will far outweigh any improvements.

There is a need for a thorough debate on how people can have proper access to justice. Questions such as the provision of services through salaried lawyers and alternative routes for dispute resolution other than the courts could be looked at without Treasury demands stifling debate. In the meantime, funding should be maintained for the system we already have. Any other policy places the burden on those worst equipped to carry it.

The demand for legal services is undoubtedly increasing. The Lord Chancellor cannot ignore the reasons for this demand and hope they will go away: too many people will suffer. The Law Society is leading the only organised campaign against the cuts. Others should join in — this is too important to be left to lawyers.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MACDONALD
(Chairman, Liberal Democrat Lawyers Association),
12 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
January 20.

Brackets galore

From Mr W. Ellis-Rees

Sir, Mr Rabson (letter, January 11) speaks of brackets in Talmudic and rabbinic literature. Pity, though, the wretched scholar of the Greek and Latin classics, who must deal with *four* parenthetical devices. These indicate: words written in brackets by the author (himself), words the author must ‹but appears not to› have written, words the author appears to [but could not] have written and words so illegi..e that nobody knows what else to do with them. Any advances?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ELLIS-REES,
81 Hamley Road, Tooting, SW17.
January 12.

From Mr T. F. Nolf

Sir, For a really good basket of brackets you must cast your nets in the law. English case citations have the year in round brackets but not if the year is an essential part of the reference, in which case it goes in square brackets.

In Scotland a non-essential year goes between round brackets; square brackets are never used: and if the year is essential to the reference, we highlight this fact by using no brackets at all.

I hope this is all clear.

Yours sincerely,
T. NOLF,
6c Dunbar Street, Old Aberdeen.
January 11.

Weighed in the balance

From Mr E. A. Hackford

Sir, *The Times* (later editions, January 19) devotes three times more space to a Dallas Cowboys American football game (seldom played outside the US) than to the chess candidates' final in Spain between Nigel Short, the British grandmaster, and Jan Timman, of The Netherlands.

What has happened to our priorities when so little attention is given to the most cerebral, most international, and most combative pastime in the world, where British achievements at team and individual level are relatively greater than in virtually all other sports and pastimes?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD HACKFORD,
16 The Dell, Sandpit Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
January 19.

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Great music, but is it 'authentic'?

From Mr Harry Blech

Sir, May I congratulate you on your leading article, "Melted into thin airs" (January 13), exposing the use in recent years of the word "authenticity" regarding music performances of past and even 20th-century compositions.

Fortunately operas have suffered less from this malaise so far. Critics and record companies have not indulged much in "authenticity" for Wagner, Gluck or even Verdi, although Mozart has not entirely escaped this misconception.

Even the claim that a composer gives a more "authentic" performance than any other performer or conductor of his work is ridiculous.

I remember playing in the BBC orchestra for Elgar and Walton. We all naturally had the greatest respect for them as the composers and believed that the result was commensurate with their own limitations and the orchestral conditions at the time. But did these composers ever claim "authenticity"?

Did Sir Adrian Boult claim "authenticity" for the first broadcast performance of *Wozzek* in England while Berg was still alive, although we played the correct notes on contemporary instruments? Did Wagner claim "authenticity" for Bach when he wrote so movingly about Liszt's performance of a particular prelude and fugue?

Authenticity is only in one's own heart and mind and no one can be sure of what goes on in another's. Moreover, performers and orchestras vary, not only from one decade to another, but often much sooner.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY BLECH
(Conductor Laureate,
London Mozart Players),
70 Leopold Road, SW19.
January 13.

From Mr George Krausz

Sir, Through all my life as a professional musician, colleagues and I were forced to accept "interpretations" of great works by conductors whose musical experiences, and talents, varied immensely. By no means all gifted interpreters possess the ability to absorb and then hand down the spiritual content of our treasured musical legacy as, for example, Otto Klemperer and Sir John Barbirolli did. As to offering the audience a piece "as the composer himself might have heard it", it seems to be overlooked that the internationally agreed pitch is only 63 years old. Thus today Mozart would find his symphony in E flat sound to his ears as if it were in E major.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE KRAUSZ,
c/o Musicians' Union,
60 Clapham Road, SW9.
January 14.

From Mr Richard Turbet

Sir, Your leader about authenticity is poppycock, especially when it says: "Each generation reinterprets the works of the past to suit its own taste and preconceptions."

Many people nowadays want to hear, and enjoy hearing, early music performed on the instruments for which it was composed, in as authentic a manner as contemporary evidence and modern scholarship can suggest. It is as simple as that, and it is most desirable.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TURBET
(Music Librarian),
University of Aberdeen,
Queen Mother Library,
Meston Walk, Aberdeen.
January 15.

From Mr Graham Warren

Sir, The debate on authentic music performance is interesting but can only be inconclusive. The combination of artistic temperament and the passage of time inevitably brings about different musical interpretation and a different sound.

By way of example, in 1952 the purists grumbled when that great artist, Dennis Brain, eventually forsook his narrow-bore Raoux French horn for a wide-bore German Alexander. He subsequently recorded the Mozart horn concertos, written in the 1780s, with Karajan and the Philharmonia, of which he was principal at the time, producing performances that many to this day still regard as definitive but certainly not authentic.

Mozart wrote the music for a natural horn with no valves and only a crook to lower the pitch and change the key signature; an instrument that leaves a lot to be desired so far as intonation is concerned, especially to modern ears.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WARREN,
Batts Farmhouse, Hinton Parva,
Swindon, Wiltshire.
January 15.

Employment group

From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)

Sir, Although some of us are disappointed that radical thinking and moves in the face of rising unemployment were not initiated much earlier, it is nonetheless very encouraging that, as you report (January 18), a Cabinet group has now been set up to tackle the issue in a thoroughgoing and comprehensive way.

It would be even more encouraging to know that this group planned to raise its sights above the usual list of well intended schemes to help the identified unemployed and began to face up to the longer-term changes in the whole nature of work in our society, and the new agenda, attitudes and policies which these require.

The proposals of my colleague, Ralph Howell (MP for Norfolk North), who has campaigned tirelessly for years for the development of workfare schemes, are certainly part of this new agenda, and it is good that they will be examined.

But what about going much further and seizing this opportunity to begin unravelling the whole misguided debate about unemployment, giving status and respect to the expanding variety of new forms of work in modern society (often unpaid and unrecognised) and doing away with the demoralising concepts of being "unwanted" and on "the scrapheap"?

I hope the new group will not be deterred from exploring the new work landscape, which already exists in our society but which is largely understood and unexplained.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
House of Commons.
January 18.

Cheaper food

From Dr John A. Beaumont

Sir, In commenting on Janet Daley's assertion of high food profits, Mrs Christina Speight complains about being ripped off by the supermarkets and Mr Quaranto about customer service generally (letters, January 9):

However, food prices in the UK have increased at a lower rate than other prices — thus in real terms food is cheaper than it was five years go.

Customers have a wide choice of shops, from 75,000 small food shops to the "no frills" discounters and town-centre, edge-of-town and out-of-town supermarkets. Few markets can be said to be as competitive or dynamic.

The major supermarket operators account for less than 40 per cent of the market. Of these, only the largest earn the level of margins suggested by being highly efficient and making substantial capital investment in their stores to offer the type of shopping environment, product range, quality and service demanded by a more sophisticated shopping public than your correspondents appear to realise.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEAUMONT
(Chief Executive),
Institute of Grocery Distribution,
Letchmore Heath, Hertfordshire.
January 12.

Lost heritage

From Mr Jan Sek

Sir, I must shelve my diplomatic status for a while and, writing in my capacity as a private person, give three hearty cheers for Mr Simon Jenkins (January 9) for his brilliant idea of sending Egyptian treasures back to Egypt. But why don't we go further? There are more countries that lost sizeable parts of their national heritage to undesirable aliens, Poland being one of them.

We have been plundered almost incessantly for 300 years, starting with the mid-17th century Swedish invasion. The Swedes stripped our country of its treasures and burned what they could not cart off. Then there were the Russians, Austrians, Prussians and, last but not least, the Nazis and their Soviet cronies.

Some Swedish museum custodians say today with straight faces that by looting our national treasures their ancestors had saved them for posterity as, given Poland's unfortunate geopolitical position, they would have gone up in smoke anyway in one of the numerous wars that have since swept my country. Assuming there is some justice in this contention, it is not defensible on moral grounds, our geopolitical position being no longer a liability.

The Swedes now seem increasingly inclined to this view, too, having over the past decade or so returned some of our property. Our other erstwhile enemies should be encouraged to take note of that and kindly return our crown jewels, magnificent libraries and ancestral weaponry seized upon the collapse of consecutive national uprisings and passing in their museums for Persian or Turkish, as well as paintings, sculptures, etc.

Sincerely yours,
JAN SEK,
First Secretary, Embassy of Poland,
47 Portland Place, W1.
January 14.

Australians in the Far East war

From Mr Ronald Searle

Sir, You report the newly released "damning war files" of the War Office and the accusations against the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in Singapore and their part in its fall (January 12). As a soldier and as a prisoner, for four years between 1942 and 1945, in Singapore — before and after its fall — up on the Kwai, and back in Changi jail, I encountered the Australian forces and, on a number of occasions, lived and worked with them.

To brand these men "cowards, rapists, drunkards and deserters" is to mock the name of all those Australian volunteers who fought and died under the most atrocious conditions, to help save the skin of an inept administration and a crumbling British Empire.

Show me an army that does not contain a dubious element. But to condemn an entire force because of the criminal or cowardly behaviour of a minority is farious and well in keeping with the mentality of those who claimed that Singapore was "an impregnable fortress".

One learns a great deal about one's fellow men in action and as a prisoner of war in appalling conditions. To be a fellow prisoner of the Australians was a privilege. They were tough, generous, kind and morale-boosting when such attributes were at a premium.

I am able to write this letter today only because of the kindness, generosity and self-sacrifice shown by those same Australians who saved the life of this "pommie" in the Konyu and Kanchanaburi jungle camps, when I was unable to move or take care of myself. They themselves were in little better condition, but they fed, nursed and protected me from being killed by the Japanese.

Some drunkards, some deserters, some rapists, some cowards!

Yours sincerely,
RONALD SEARLE,
c/o 11 Jubilee Place, SW3.
January 16.

Community care

From Mrs M. E. Wimbury

Sir, To Elisabeth Hoodless's list of those deterred from giving help to their communities (letter, January 9) should be added people in receipt of invalidity benefit.

Many of these people, although unable to undertake paid work, still wish to play a part in their community. Doing this would not only help others but often add interest to their own sometimes lonely lives.

Before they can do so they have to obtain a doctor's letter stating that the voluntary work is of therapeutic value (therapeutic in this context is very strictly defined). This letter has to be taken to the local benefit agency where the matter is referred to an adjudication officer. The suggestion of the applicant's case being reviewed brings fears that benefit may be withdrawn and this is a disincentive.

Many volunteer bureau organisers know that when such potential volunteers learn what has to be done before they can assist in an adult literacy scheme, or a befriending scheme, become a helper at an advice or day centre, or help any other local voluntary organisation, they are never seen again. What a loss.

Yours faithfully,
EILEEN WIMBURY
(Executive Committee Member),
National Association of Volunteer Bureaux,
17 Warlingham Close,
Gillingham, Kent.
January 9.

Pensioners' deal

From Mr John Maskell

Sir, Mr Michael Fogarty's letter on pensioners' income (January 15) could also have pointed out that national insurance pensions increases are announced in the autumn, based on the previous 12 months' cost-of-living figures. The increases do not then reach pensioners' pockets until the following April. Furthermore, the increases are based on headline cost of living. The underlying rate of inflation is the one that most affects pensioners and is currently increasing and running at 3.7 per cent, against 2.6 per cent for the more usual index (report, January 16).

Yours faithfully,
J. MASKELL,
115 Maldon Road,
Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

Called to account

From Mr John Potter

Sir, Your two pages (January 16) packed with uncountable numbers of aspiring accountants' exam results were as depressing as anything I have read for some time.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN POTTER,
47 Park Town, Oxford.
January 17.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

January 20: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by His Excellency the Hon William Hayden (Governor-General of Australia) at the State Funeral of the Rt Hon Sir Paul Hasluck, KG, formerly Governor-General of Australia, which was held in St George's Cathedral, Perth, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 20: The Duke of York this morning opened the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Seminar in Harrogate and was received by Mr Forbes Adam (Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Swansea Depot, Trinity House, Swansea, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan (Lieutenant Colonel Sir Michael Llewellyn, Bt).

The Duke of York, Admiral of the Sea Cadet Corps, later opened the new Headquarters of TS *Ajax*, Swansea.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 20: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Concert given by the London Mozart Players to celebrate the forthcoming appointment of Mr Matthias Bamert as their Music Director at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE11.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this morning attended a Multi-disciplinary Conference "Challenges in the Rehabilitation of Mentally Ill Offenders", John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford, and was received by Mr Greig Barr (Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards opened the Banbury Carers Centre, Alexandra House, Banbury, and was received by Mr Jack Friswell (Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire).

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Marshall 1897, 18 Beaumont Close, Banbury.

Her Royal Highness, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later gave a Reception for the Grand Prior Cadets at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this evening attended the British Apparel Exports Awards 1992 and Dinner, Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 20: The Princess of Wales today visited Nottingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, this morning visited Challenge House, Devonshire Avenue, Beeston.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, later visited the charity's Corporation Oaks Mental Health Project, 19-21 Corporation Oaks, Nottingham.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, UK Region of Dance 1993, this afternoon attended a Reception to celebrate the launch of Dance for 1993 in the East Midlands at the Nottingham Playhouse.

Viscountess Campden was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 20: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Cannock Community Hospital, Upper Brunswick Road, Cannock and was met on arrival by Colonel F. Walter James (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire) and later visited the Great Wyrley Community Support Unit, Cannock.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Unicef, was represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson at a Memorial Service for the life of the Baroness Ewart-Biggs which was held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK

January 20: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lady Ewart-Biggs which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster today.

Religious Press Group

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Convenor of the Religious Press Group, presided at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, at the House of Lords, on the occasion of the launch of "1993 — A Year of Interreligious Understanding and Co-operation".

Basketmakers' Company

Mr J. d'O. Robinson, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, confirmed bursary awards had been given in basketmaking to Miss Annabel Nicholson, Miss Lynn Kirkham, Miss Micaela Beatson and Miss Susan Stancombe at a meeting and dinner held last night at Butchers' Hall.

Navy appointment

Surgeon Captain A. Craig to be promoted Surgeon Rear Admiral and to be Surgeon Rear Admiral (Support Medical Services) in succession to Surgeon Rear Admiral F. St C. Golden in April 1993.

Memorial services

Baroness Ewart-Biggs

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Unicef, was represented by Mrs Fiona Henderson and Princess Alexandra by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Ewart-Biggs held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated. Lady Williams of Elvel and Mrs M. Edelman read the lessons. Professor Roy Foster read from the works of W.B. Yeats, Mr Robin Ewart-Biggs, son, read his own recollection and Miss Kate Ewart-Biggs, daughter, read from her mother's writings. Sir Derek Thomas and Baroness Blackstone gave addresses. The Rev A.H. Borthwick was robed and in sanctuary.

The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords was present. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Donald Logan. The Leader of HM Opposition, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of the Diplomatic Service and Lady Gillmore, the German Ambassador and Baroness von Richthofen and the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland attended.

Among others present were:

Mr Kevin O'Sullivan (husband), Miss Henrietta Ewart-Biggs (daughter), Mrs Liz Randall (sister-in-law), Mr William Randall, Mr Patrick Randall, Mr Michael Randall, Mrs B Hedley.

The Earl of Listowel, Lord and Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Viscount Long, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Lord Ampthill, Lord Blease, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Lord Bridges (chairman, UNICEF), Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord Campbell of Croy, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lord Carter, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, and Lady Cledwyn, Lord and Lady Clinton-Davis, Baroness Darcy de Knayth, Baroness David, Lord Dean of Beswick, Lord Desai, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Elton, Lady Ennals.

Baroness Faithfull, Baroness Fisher of Rednal, Baroness Flather, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Gallacher, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord Glenamara, CH, Lady Gore-Booth, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord and Lady Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Hampton, Lord Harding of Petherton, Lord Hayhoe, Lord Henderson of Brompton, Lord Hesketh, Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, Lord Hirshfield, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Baroness Hooper, Lord Howell, Lord Judd, Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe.

Baroness Lockwood, Baroness Mallalieu, QC, Lord and Lady McIntosh of Haringey, Lord Morris of Castle Morris, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Mishcon, QC, Baroness Nicol, Lord and Lady Palmer, Lord Pender, Baroness Perry of Southwark, Lord Preston, Lord Pitt of Hampstead, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Lord Rees, QC, Lord Richard, QC, Lady Sandford, Baroness Seear, Baroness Serota, Lord Shackleton, KG, Lady Soames, Lord and Lady Strabolgi, Lord and Lady Underhill, Baroness Warnock, Lord Wedgwood, Baroness White, Lord Williams of Elvel, Baroness Young.

Mr Michael Foot, Dr John Gilbert, MP, and Mrs Gilbert, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr John Taylor, MP, Sir Harold Walker, MP, the Hon Adrian and Mrs Berry, the Hon Mrs Birkbeck, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Humphrey Maud, the Hon Thomas Pakenham, Sir Anthony Meyer, Lady Sykes, Sir Robert Andrew and Lady Andrew (chairman, Prisoners Educational Trust), Sir Ronald Arculus, Dame Josephine Barnes, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw (Compton Verney Opera Project), Sir Wilfred Cockroft, Sir Timothy Daunt.

Sir Patrick Fairweather, Sir Maurice Fiennes, Lady Fisher (Women Caring Trust), Sir Alan Goodison, Sir John Hannam, MP, and Lady Hannam (Cruse), Lady Hannay, Sir William and Lady Harding, Sir Anthony Kenny, Sir Peter and Lady Laurence, Sir John and Lady Leahy, Sir Bernard Ledwidge, Lady Lloyd, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Lady Miers, Sir John Morgan, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay (Thames Reach Homelessness Project), Sir Giles Shaw, MP, Sir Michael and Lady Simpson-Orlebar, Sir Nicholas and Lady Spreckley, Lady (Derek) Thomas, Lady White, Mr Ellis Birk and Baroness Birk.

Mr S E Alleyne, Mr R J Alston, Mr G R Archer, Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP, Mr H A Ashmall, Mr David Astor, Mr Harry Barnes, MP, Mr J C M Benthall, M Jean-Rene Bernard, Mr David Blatherwick, Ms Virginia Burton (National Council of Voluntary Childcare Organisations), Mr R A C Byatt, Dr Peter Carey (Cambodia Trust), Mr and Mrs J Carr, Mr and Mrs John Colvin, Mr David Cook (Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust), Professor Bernard Crick, Mr Simon Crine (Fabian Society), Mrs Susan Crosland, Dr Niall Crowley, Mr Howard Davies (director-general, CBI), Judge Marcus Edwards.

Mr Julian Ellis (Association of Members of Boards of Visitors), Mr Tim Everard, Mr Nick Fenton (Childhope), Mr and Mrs Robert Gavron, Mr C Glover (London Connection), Mr Perry Goodman, Mrs Shusha Guppy, Mrs J Haddington (National Association of Bereavement Services), Mrs E Hanbury-Tenison, Mrs Xandra Hardie, Mr David Harris (director, Hansard Society), Mr Dominick Harrod, Mr A V Hayday, Mr Douglas Henderson, MP, Mr John Howell (Overseas Development Institute), Mrs M Johnson (British Irish Association), Mr Robert Kee, Miss Enid Lakeman, Mr David Lipsey, Mr C D Lush, Mr Eric McGraw (The New Bridge), Mr and Mrs J T Masefield.

Mr W R McKay, Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Electoral Reform Society), Mr R M Morris, Major-General T D G Quayle (Ombudsman of Corporate Estate Agents), Mrs C B Roden (Victims Support), Mr Malcolm Rutherford, Mr Anthony Sampson, Mr Stephen Shaw (Prison Reform Trust), Mr Ned Sherrin, Mr Peter Smart, Mgr George Stack, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Professor Paul Thompson, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, Judge and Mrs Stephen Tumim, Mr Peter Unwin, Mr Stephen Wall, Mr Richard Wassell (European Movement), Mr M A J Wheeler-Booth, Mr Ray Whitney, MP, Miss Hazel Wigmore (National Children's Centre), Mr Norman Willis (TUC) and Mr J L Wootten (Chelsea Constituency Labour Party).

Mr Roger Gray, QC

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Roger Gray, QC, was held yesterday in Gray's Inn Chapel. Canon Eric James officiated. Mr Hugh Bennett, QC, read the lesson and Mr Justice Connell gave an address.

Memorial meeting

Professor Elie Kedourie

The Ambassador of Israel attended a meeting held yesterday at the London School of Economics in memory of Professor Elie Kedourie. Professor Michael Liefer, pro-director, presided and the other speakers were Professor Kenneth Minogue, Mr Peter Roberts, Mrs Gina Allen, Mr David Pryce-Jones and Dr Itamar Rabinovich, Rector of Tel Aviv University.

Sir George Turnbull

A memorial service will be held for Sir George Turnbull at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, on Tuesday, March 16, at noon.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit Waltham Forest Asian Centre, Orford Road, Walthamstow, at 11.00.

The Duke of York, patron, will visit the Yellow Brick Road appeal at the Newcastle University Medical School at 10.10; as Patron of Children North-East, will visit the Battle Hill Family Centre, North Tyneside, at 11.10; will tour the electronic bi-media news room and the television studio, Newcastle, at 12.05; will meet families involved in the Rural Action with Families in Tynedale project and, as patron, meet members and staff of the Newcastle Weston Spirit Centre at the BBC Broadcasting Centre, Newcastle, at 12.30; and will visit Parsons (Rolls-Royce Industrial Power Group), Heaton, at 2.20.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the new bureau premises at 21a East Street, Havant at 11.45; as President of Save the Children Fund, will visit the Save the Children Shop, 4 the Marsh, Hythe, at 12.40; as Patron of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux will open the new bureau premises at 17 Quay Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, at 1.35; and will visit the Save the Children Shop, 1 St Thomas Square, Ryde, at 2.25. Later, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend the installation of the new Master at Guildhall at 5.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of St Bartholomew's Hospital, and accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will open the operating theatre suite at 5.00.

Appointments

The following to join the Advisory Council on Public Records: Lynne Brindley, Andrea Duncan, Victor Gray, David Sumberg.

Birthdays today

Dr Alan Borg, director-general, Imperial War Museum, 51; Sir John Burnett, former vice-chancellor, Edinburgh University, 71; Dr Rohan Butler, historian, 76; Dr David Carey, former Legal Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 76; Lord Cayzer, 83; the Rev J.S. Coventry, SJ, former master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 78; Mr John Denison, former director, South Bank Concert Halls, 82; Dr John Hayes, director, National Portrait Gallery, 64; Sir George Middleton, diplomat, 83; Mr Jack Nicklaus, golfer, 53; Mr Justice Phillips, 55; Dr Sir John Reid, health consultant, 68; Miss Seone Reid, director, Scottish Arts Council, 43; Mr Paul Scofield, actor, 71; Mr Aubrey Singer, former deputy director-general and managing director, BBC Television, 66; the Marquess of Tavistock, 53; Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, 73; Mr Norman Willis, general secretary, TUC, 60.



Placido Domingo, the singer, is 52 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Frémont, explorer, Savannah, Georgia, 1813; Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Clarksburg, Virginia, 1824; P. Morton Shand, architectural critic, Kensington, 1888; Christian Dior, fashion designer, Granville, Normandy, 1905.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, executed, London, 1547; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Amsterdam, 1683; James Quin, actor, Bath, 1766; Alexis Piron, dramatist, Paris, 1773; Louis XVI, King of France, reigned 1774-93, executed, Paris, 1793; John Moore, physician and writer, London, 1802; Ludwig Achim von Arnim, poet, Dahme, Germany, 1831; Henry Hallam, historian, London, 1859; Alexander Herzen, socialist, Paris, 1870; Franz Grillparzer, dramatist, Vienna, 1872; John Couch Adams, astronomer, Cambridge, 1892; Lenin (Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov), Russian revolutionary, Gorky, 1924; Lytton Strachey, writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1932; George Moore, novelist, London, 1933; George Orwell (Eric Blair), novelist, London, 1950; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Hollywood, 1959.

Taxi cabs were officially recognised in Britain, 1907. USS *Nautilus*, the first nuclear powered submarine was launched, 1954. Concorde made its inaugural flight to Bahrain, 1976.

Francis Holland Schools' Trust

The Council of the Francis Holland Schools' Trust has elected Miss Madeline McLauchlan as Chairman from January 1993 to succeed Lady Johnston, CBE.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker was host at dinner held last night at Speakers' House for the British Red Cross. Mr Michael Whitlam, director general, and Mr John Gray, director of public affairs, were the speakers. Sir David Lumsden and Sir John Cuckney were among the guests.

County Surveyors' Society

Mr Kenneth Carlisle, Minister for Roads and Transport, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the County Surveyors' Society held last night at the Royal Automobile Club. Mr Michael Selfe, County Surveyor of Essex and president of the society, presided.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr John Abbott, Mr David Durban, Dr M. Fischer and Mr Michael Franklin also spoke.

Chamber of Shipping

Mr Edmund Vestey, President of the Chamber of Shipping, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr John MacGregor, MP, was the principal guest.

Parish Clerks' Company

Mr L.L. Brace, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by Mr L.R.R. Miller and Mr P.A.G. Stickley, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall after evensong held in the Church of St Magnus the Martyr. Mr D.W. Brewer and Mr J.C. Davie also spoke.

Latest wills

Lord Ashby of Brandon, of Cambridge, former Master of Clare College, Cambridge, and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast, left estate valued at £150,098 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C.S. Benney and Miss V.J. Blackmore

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Professor and Mrs Gerald Benney, of Beenham, Berkshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Blackmore, of Old Bursledon, Hampshire.

Mr R.N. Cox and Miss Q.M. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Ronnie, younger son of Mr George A.S. Cox and the late Mrs Mary Cox, of Gourdie, Perthshire, and Quenelda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gibbs, of Sparsholt, Winchester.

Mr A.D. Dingwall Main and Miss N.V. Barthorp

The engagement is announced between Alexander, only son of the late Mr Duncan Dingwall Main and the late Mrs Dingwall Main, and Nicola, daughter of Captain Raymond Barthorp, of St Martin, Jersey, and of Mrs Patrick Eyre, of Beckhampton, Wiltshire.

Mr P.E. Hare and Miss P.S. Trent

The engagement is announced between Paul Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Hare, of Bedfordshire, and Pamela Susan, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J.L. Trent, of Finchley, London.

Mr C.J.E. Houston and Miss S.L. Lambert

The engagement is announced between Colin James Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Houston, of Kilmacolm, Scotland, and Sarah Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Garrick Lambert, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr E.A. Howard-Jones and Miss J.M. Prockter

The engagement is announced between Edward Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Howard-Jones, of Ibstone, Buckinghamshire, and Jacqueline Mary, only daughter of Mrs Prockter and the late Rev Anthony Prockter, of Findern, Derbyshire.

Mr A.D. Hughes and Miss J. Sims

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mr J.A. Hughes and of Mrs C.V. Hughes, of Eastleigh, Hampshire, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Sims, of Whitstable, Kent.

Mr R.C. Maclachlan and Miss C.E. Findlay

The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of the late Douglas Maclachlan and of Mrs Brenda Maclachlan, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Findlay, of Newliston, West Lothian.

Mr C.T.J. Manners and Miss S.A. Binnie

The engagement is announced between Tom, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Manners, of Blaisdon, Gloucestershire, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harvey Binnie, of Perth, Scotland.

Mr C.J. Morgan and Miss C.S. Proctor

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Morgan, of Wokingham, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Proctor, of Cheltenham.

Mr R.J. Packe-Drury-Lowe and Miss S.J. Naylor

The engagement is announced between Edward John, son of Mr Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe, of Prestwold, Leicestershire, and Mrs Julietta Packe-Drury-Lowe, and Samantha Jane, daughter of the late Thomas Weedal Naylor and of Susan de Pass and stepdaughter of Clive de Pass, of Glebe Place, Chelsea.

Mr D.A.A. Ross and Miss S.J. Major

The engagement is announced between David Alexander Addison, eldest son of Mr David Ross and the late Mrs Ross, of Gateshaw, Kelso, Scotland, and Sarah Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Major, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr A.J. Scott-Hopkins and Miss C.G. Egan

The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Sir James Scott-Hopkins, MEP, and Lady Scott-Hopkins, CBE, of English Bicknor, Gloucestershire, and Carey, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Egan, of Sissinghurst, Kent.

Mr D.T. Waring and Miss S.S. Emery-Wallis

The engagement is announced between David Thomas, elder son of Mr Thomas W. Waring and the late Mrs Waring, of Oldcroft, Gloucestershire, and Selina Solange, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick A.J. Emery-Wallis, of Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Mr T.J.Z. Winnifrith and Miss C.B.C. Sullivan

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Thomas and the late Joanna Winnifrith, of Leamington Spa, and Ceri, daughter of Janet and the late Garry Sullivan, of Gwaelod-y-Garth.

Marriage

Mr J.R. Gladstone and Mrs J. Doxford

A service of blessing was held on Sunday, January 17, at St Mary's, Hamstead Marshall, after the marriage of Mr James Gladstone to Mrs Jane Doxford.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Ronald Corne, Curate, Bitterne Park: to be Rector, Headbourne Worthy, King's Worthy (Winchester).

The Rev John Crowe, Team Rector, Dorchester Team Ministry: already appointed also Rural Dean of Aston and Cuddesdon (Oxford).

The Rev Peter Garner, Priest-in-charge, Birstwith and Diocesan Parish Development Adviser (Ripon): to be Rector, Farnham w Scotton and Staveley and Copgrove and Arkendale, same diocese.

The Rev William Heald, Vicar St Paul, Symonds Street, diocese Auckland, Church of the Province of New Zealand: to be Vicar, St Luke, South Kensington (London).

The Rev Robin Hill, Priest-in-charge, Alkmonton, Cubley, Marston Montgomery and Yeaveley: to be Priest-in-charge, Ticknall, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge (Derby).

The Rev Peter Hutchinson, Curate, Honiton Team Ministry (Exeter): to be Vicar, Valley Park (Winchester).

The Rev Terence Munro, Rector, Barwick-in-Elmet, W. Scholes: to be Vicar, Woodhouse and Wrangthorn, Leeds (Ripon).

The Rev Edward Murfet, formerly Priest-in-charge, Leeds City Team Ministry: to be Precentor, Ripon Cathedral (Ripon).

The Rev Canon David Prosser, Chaplain, St Thomas à Becket, Hamburg, Germany: to be Chaplain, St Alban's, Copenhagen, Denmark (Europe).

The Rev John Roberts, non-stipendiary Minister, with Bishop's permission to officiate, diocese Peterborough: to be Priest-in-charge, Helmdon w Stuchbery and Radstone and Syresham w Whitfield, same diocese.

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"Hallelujah! Victory and glory and power belong to our God for true and just are his judgements."
Revelation 19 : 1,2.

BIRTHS

AULD - On January 11th 1993 at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Lynn (née Todd) and David, a daughter, Louise Catharine.

BEARDSWORTH - On January 15th, to Virginia (née Cohen) and Jonathon, a daughter, Daisy Charlotte Pyne.

BERRIDGE - On 5th January, to Marilyn and Andrew, in New Hampshire, a son, Samuel Charles.

BRAND - On 19th January, in Dorchester, to Catherine (née Fuller) and Simon, a son, James Alexander.

BROWNE - On January 17th, at Pembury Hospital, to Sara (née Washington) and Christopher, a son, Samuel Lyndon, a brother for Louis, William and Jonas.

BRYAN - On January 19th, at University College Hospital, London, to Susan (née Carter) and Robert, a beautiful and long awaited son, Edward.

COX - On 13th January, to Michelle (née Glass) and Edward, a daughter, Georgina Harriet, a sister for Hannah and second granddaughter for Lena Glass.

CUNNINGHAM-BATT - On January 15th, to Alexandra (née Tipple) and Jonathan Barrie, a daughter, Eleanor Catherine, a sister for William.

DAVIES - On January 14th 1993, in Dublin, to Christine, a son, Steffan Leighton.

DOWD - On January 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary Pat and Jim, a beautiful daughter, Emma Grace, a sister for Thomas.

ETTINGER - On January 18th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Christine (née Julien-Laferrière) and Paul (Pablo), a son, Alexander Paul George, a brother for Sophie.

FRASER - On January 19th, to Lucy (née Pearson) and Charles, a daughter, Iolanthe Maude, a sister for Emerald and Iona and a half-sister for Charlotte and Rupert.

LINDSAY - On January 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anna (née Orsini) and Christopher, a blonde daughter, Francesca, a sister to Giulia.

LOVELL - On January 12th 1993, to Nicola (née Fazakerley) and Peter, a son, Alexander Hugh Matthew.

MARSDEN - On January 10th, to Denise (née Allen) and David, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth.

MEYRICK - On January 18th, to Meriel (née Muir) and Dominic, a son, a brother for Katherine.

MOFFAT - On December 22nd 1992, to Carmel (née Sawle) and Jonathan, a daughter, Christabel Iris Patricia, a sister for Georgina.

MOORE-MANN - On January 14th at 5.30 pm, to John and Mandy, a daughter, Bonnie, 8lbs 6oz, at Noosaville, Australia.

SYMINGTON - On January 14th, to Sally (née Green) and Tim, a daughter, Anna Grace.

VOADEN - On January 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Baker) and William, a daughter, Caroline Victoria.

WALKER - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Townend) and Kim, a son, Edward James Reid, a brother for Emily.

DEATHS

BUTLER - At Perth Royal Infirmary on January 17th 1993 after a short illness, Helen Diana, dearly loved mother of James and Rosemary and loving grandmother. Funeral service in Chilbolton Parish Church on Friday 22nd at 11.30am to which all friends invited. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Winchester & District Macmillan Services Appeal.

COULSON - On January 20th 1993, peacefully at his home in Diss, Norfolk, George Arthur, aged 83 years. Beloved friend of Thomas Hutton. Will be missed by his relatives and friends. Private cremation.

DAVIS - On January 19th, peacefully in hospital, Margaret (Greta) Davis of Highgate Village, loving and much loved. Funeral private, enquiries to Leverton & Son (081) 444-5753. No flowers, but donations may be sent to The Childrens' Country Holiday Fund, 42 Lower Marsh, London SE1.

DENT - On January 15th, Pamela Clare (née Gaitskell), peacefully at home in Nairobi, aged 82, Wife of Lt. Col. Hugo Dent, mother of Michael Young.

DOWBIGGIN - Colin George of Bedfont, Middlesex, husband of Marlene and father of Andrew and Peter, suddenly at his home in East Hills, Sydney, Australia, on Thursday January 14th, aged 47. He will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him.

FUCHS - Ivo, died in peace 17th January 1993, sadly mourned by family, friends and colleagues. A thanksgiving and memorial service will be held at Malmesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, 13th March 1993 at 3 pm.

HAILEY - Rowena Brigstocke, unexpectedly at home on January 17th. Mother of Mary-Claire, John, Rupert and Peter. Funeral to be held at St Aloysius Church, Oxford, at 2 pm on Tuesday January 26th - 'She will be remembered well'.

HEWETSON - On Tuesday January 19th, peacefully, General Sir Reginald (Reggie) Hewetson G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., late R.A., beloved husband of Trish, father of Robin and Cherry and a loved grandfather. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield, at 2.30 pm on Friday February 12th. Donations if desired to Combat Stress or R.S.P.B. may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, tel: (0825) 763241.

HOURANI - Albert Habib, on January 17th, peacefully after a short illness. Condolences at 25 Alwyne Villas, London N1, January 22nd and 23rd. Flowers to Arthur Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Oxford, or donations to Marjayoun National College, c/o Cecil Hourani, 25 Alwyne Villas, London N1 2HG. Funeral to be held at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Oxford, January 25th at 2.30 pm.

KENDALL - On January 18th 1993, in hospital, Doris Evelyn Kendall, aged 85 years, Widow of Leslie Harold Kendall, formerly of Andover, Hampshire. Beloved mother of Major G.R. Kendall (Bunny) and Valerie (Barlow), Grandmother of Geraldine, Nicholas and Alistair Kendall and Julia Barlow. Also great-grandmother of Michael and Nicholas Kendall. Funeral Service private. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation. Donations and all enquiries to Alexander & Dry, Seal Road, Basingstoke, Hants. tel: (0256) 844663.

LYLE - On January 19th 1993, at the Claremont Hospital, Kirsty, aged 83 years, formerly of Heysham and lately of Eyam Dale House. Widow of Dr. W.F. Lyle. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Edensor, Derbyshire, on Monday January 25th at 2 pm. No flowers by request.

MACKINNON - On January 20th, Peter Ralph Mackinnon, passed peacefully away at Burnham Lodge Nursing Home, Taplow. Beloved husband of Jean and father of Colin, Linda and Tessa. He will be deeply missed by his seven grandchildren and all his family and friends. Cremation at The Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, at 12.30 pm on January 27th. All friends welcome. No flowers please.

MACRAE-GIBSON - Dr. Neil, on January 18th. Funeral 28th January, 2 pm, Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Alzheimers Disease Society, 158 Balham High Road, SW12 9NB.

McCABE - Edward, on January 19th 1993, peacefully at his home in Oxford, aged 86. Requiem Mass at Blackfriars, St Giles, Oxford, Thursday January 28th at 12 noon.

MOTT - On January 17th, suddenly in Clevedon, Christopher Charles Antony, dearly loved son of Peggy and the late Charles and brother of Geraldene, Timothy and Nigel. Requiem Mass at All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, at 12.45 pm on Friday January 22nd, followed by private cremation.

PLAYER-BISHOP - Howard John, on 18th January 1993, at his Sydney home. A service is to be held at the North Chapel, Northern Suburbs Crematorium, 199 Delhi Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113 on Friday 22nd January at 11 am. A memorial service will be held in the UK at a future date. Howard, There is a reason why! Donations, if desired, to: Quest for Life Foundation, PO Box 267, Cammeray, NSW 2062. A Foundation which helps at post diagnosis...."Everyone has the potential to harness his own inner resources to work in conjunction with medical treatment...."

RICHARDSON - On January 14th, peacefully in hospital Rosa May, aged 82, widow of Arthur, most beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday, January 22nd at 3 pm. Flowers, if desired, to Wakely Bros., 33 Sparrow Road, Yeovil, BA24 4BT.

ROTHERY - On 19th January 1993, Alec Rothery M.B.E. of New Cote, Westbury-on-Trim, Bristol, beloved husband of the late Lorna Rothery, father of Richard, grandfather of Nicola, Andrew and Christopher, and great-grandfather of Angus and Alexandra. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop, on Monday 25th January 1993 at 1 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please, donations if wished for Bristol Royal Society for the Blind, to R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol BS7 8TN.

WARD - James Dudley (Jim) Wg Cdr RAF Ret'd. Suddenly on Thursday January 14th, 1993 at RAF Hospital Wegberg, Germany. Beloved husband and friend of Verena, and father of Susi and Alex. Funeral service at St Thomas More Church RAF Rheindahlen January 21st 1993 at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Patients' Comfort Fund, RAF Hospital Wegberg, BFPO 40 (cheques made out to NONPAS RAF Hospital Wegberg).

WEBB - On 15th January, Julia Miriam Parkhurst (Doola), of Bratton, Wilts., aged 89 years, much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at 12 noon on Saturday 23rd January at Bratton Church.

WILTSHIRE - Professor Harold. Died peacefully on January 18th 1993 after a short illness. Loved by his wife, Hilda, and sons, John and Martin. Private family funeral.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARTIN-BIRD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Richard Martin-Bird C.B.E. T.D. D.L. will be held in Manchester Cathedral at 12 noon on Friday 26th February 1993.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HIS late Most Christian Majesty Lewis XVI King of France and Navarre murdered on the 21st January 1793 by the First of the five French Republics of which the first four have collapsed in ignominy and the Fifth will follow. (J.Saywell).

LEGAL NOTICES

CAPTAIN O M WATTS OF LONDON LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 18th day of January 1993
J. GOULD, Director.

Classic Tours Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 28 January 1993 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 27 January 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
Erich Reich, Director.

INTROSPECT CONTRACTS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 1068262. Former Company Name: George Milligan & Co. Limited. Nature of Business: Furniture Manufacturers. Trade classification: 09. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 11th January 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829) of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

INTROSPECT LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 1369817. Former Company Name: Introspect (Contracts) Limited. Nature of Business: Interior Furnishers. Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 11th January 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829) of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
J.C. PLANTS (ABINGTON) LTD
Trading Name: "J.C. PLANTS"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 12th February 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 14th day of January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J. COOLEY, DIRECTOR.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF CAPITAL
THE BOLTON CRICKET CLUB LIMITED
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. the above named company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase;
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £110,270;
3. the date of the resolution for payment out of capital is 18th January 1993;
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office; and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
DATED the 19th day of January 1993
F. COX, Company Secretary.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A DIVIDEND
BRADWELL DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 11.2(1A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above-named company intends paying a dividend to creditors. The creditors of the company are required, on or before 26th February 1993 to submit their proofs of debt to the undersigned Ian Franses of 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP the liquidator of the company, and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the first dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt is proved.
Date: 18th January 1993
I. FRANSES, Liquidator.

Orgentours (London) Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 28 January 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 27 January 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
Erich Reich, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
BOOK BARGAINS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirley Angela Jackson of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by a resolution of the company's members on 12th January 1993.
Dated this 18th day of January 1993.
S.A. JACKSON, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
GRAHAM FOLLY BUILDERS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th January 1993.
Dated this 19th day of January 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
AIM CONSULTANTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 14th January 1993.
Dated this 19th day of January 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

THE SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Thursday 28th January 1993 at 11.30 in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 14th day of January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R MARSH, DIRECTOR.

728TH SHELF (COMPANY No 1403550) (FORMERLY THE MED FOUNDATION)
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 14 January 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Mr Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT by 19 March 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 23 April 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 19 March 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 19th January 1993.
M. FISHMAN, LIQUIDATOR.

WARDLEMILLE CORPORATION LIMITED
Company Number: 1838544
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On 7 January 1993 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 8 February 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim, Liquidator.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FRESH PRODUCE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 13th January 1993.
DATED this 13th January 1993.
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANDREWS formerly DEAN nee DAWE otherwise BOYCOTT, PHYLLIS ANDREWS formerly DEAN nee DAWE otherwise BOYCOTT WIDOW late of 57 Swannington Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire died there on 11 August 1992
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(Estate about £55,000)
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THORP, ALBERT THORP late of 68 Sheffield Road, Glossop, Derbyshire died there on 2 October 1992
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The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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a) extinguish the rights of beneficiaries under the trust; and
b) require the Trustee to hold the said property on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the order
2. Any beneficiary under the trust who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the Trustee, C/o Messrs Austin & Carnley of Albion Chambers, High Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, reference number DRP/CO40308, telephone number 0525 372140 within three months from today
SCHEDULE
Hartwell and Stone School House, Stone Church of England School, Oxford Road, Stone, Aylesbury, Bucks.
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OBITUARIES

JEAN PLAIDY

Jean Plaidy (Mrs Eleanor Hibbert), prolific and successful author of popular historical, romantic and Gothic novels under various pseudonyms, died on a cruise ship at sea between Athens and Port Said on January 18. She was guarded about her precise age but her birthdate is thought to have been 1910.



AMONG the plethora of aliases — Victoria Holt, Philippa Carr, Eleanor Burford, Ellalice Tate, Elbur Ford, Kathleen Kellow — under which Mrs Eleanor Hibbert wrote, Jean Plaidy was the best known. Plaidy it was who launched an author who became as respected for the breadth of her historical knowledge and the solidity of her research, as she was for her knack of concocting a plausible yarn. Yet, for every two Plaidy histories there was, each year after 1961, a production from the gothicist Victoria Holt.

Holt was launched 14 years after Plaidy's first appearance in print, with her precise identity concealed to heighten the mystery. But she was soon drawing her own armies of fans through a series of novels in which a thick encrustation of Cornish names and titles such as *The Bride of Pendorric*, added the chill of remote, granite moorlands and gaunt, flagstoned manors, to this fluent author's armoury of settings and situations. In a Plaidy novel the female protagonist was generally expected to behave with a simulacrum of historical verisimilitude. Her lot might even be a somewhat stodgy one as her lord mounted his charger to ride off to the wars. Holt's heroines had far less protection from the *mores* of their times. They might well find themselves captured by pirates, thrown into harems or otherwise exposed to various types of male caddishness.

The output of these two ladies was prodigious. Even so there was to be a third substantial incarnation in Philippa Carr, who somehow managed a perfect amalgam of the personae of her two predecessors. In Miss Carr fantastic romance and history combined in an undemanding mélange, which, if it was never the runaway success of Plaidy's and Holt's works, nevertheless seldom failed, like them, to appear among the year's 100 top-selling novels. The achievements of Mrs Hibbert's other noms de plume were more sporadic, on an altogether less spectacular level from that of their great competitors. The early effusions of Eleanor Burford (Mrs Hibbert's maiden name) were frank Mills and Boon in quality. She did not persist in this vein once the successes of Plaidy and, particularly, Holt had begun to dominate her life.

Eleanor Burford was born neither on wind-blasted moor nor in moated manor, but in Kennington, London. Her father was something of an odd-job man, but, luckily for his daughter, was of a bookish bent. She read from the age of four and thereafter consumed books avidly. She left school at 16 and went to work for a jeweller in Hatton Garden. In her early twenties she met and married a leather merchant twenty years her senior. He, too, was an ardent reader. Most important, her marriage to him gave her the freedom to write.

This she did prolifically, producing novels in the manner of most of the great European novelists she had absorbed: Dickens, Hugo, Tolstoy. "In those days one wanted to put the world to rights," she used to laugh. Publishers did not share her early idealism and the rejection slips piled up. She did not repine. The *Daily Mail* and the *Evening News* were running short stories and she adapted to this genre with some success. When the literary editor of the *Mail* set up as an agent he encouraged her to write romantic novels. She read fifty, to get the hang of it and then started writing a few herself. Her first publications, under her maiden name, were tales of young love whose titles reflect their subject matter: *Passionate Witness* (1941); *Married Love* (1942); *So The Dreams Depart* (1944); and *Not In Our Stars* (1945).

By this time she was living in Cornwall. The nearby beach was called Plaidy. The name Jean appealed to her for its brevity. The marriage between them caught the eye of an agent and, after being rejected by a number of publishers, *Beyond the Blue Mountains* was published in 1947. Success on a very different scale awaited its author. Though Eleanor Burford kept writing (her last title appeared in the early 1960s) and Kathleen Kellow and Ellalice Tate, too, remained on duty at the typewriter keyboard, the swelling stream of Plaidy's output eclipsed them both (Elbur Ford's career was a mere four-book affair, between 1950 and 1953). Plaidy titles such as *Gay Lord Robert* (1955); *A Health Unto His Majesty* (1956); *Daughters of Spain* (1961) and *Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill* (1970) were interspersed with books for children, among them *Meg Roper, Daughter of Sir Thomas More* and *The Young Elizabeth* (both 1961).

Most important, America approved. It was to do so even more wholeheartedly with Victoria Holt, who made her debut with *Mistress of Mellyn* in 1961. Though the number of Plaidy novels — 90 in all — far exceeded Holt's 31, Mrs Hibbert's second incarnation was to prove her biggest money spinner. *Mistress of Mellyn* — by Wilkie Collins out of the Brontës, and well shaken and stirred at that — was a *Reader's Digest* Book Society Choice and was serialised in *Ladies Home Journal*. It has recently been estimated that Holt's sales in 20 languages have exceeded 75 million.

Philippa Carr was launched in 1972 with *The Miracle at St Bruno's*. Her career was, necessarily, less prolific than those of her precursors, but her skilful blend of their chief characteristics proved popular and she was closing on the twenty book mark at the time of her death.

In all this Eleanor Hibbert remained an enigmatic figure, never wanting to challenge her fictional success by larger-than-life behaviour herself. The scorn of Fleet Street's literary editors had little power on her naturally self-effacing nature. Queenie Leavis might fulminate against her and her kidney ("fatally persuasive", "pernicious") from the grove of academe, but it would never have occurred to her to be taken so seriously. When asked if she wrote to "help people switch off" she seemed surprised that the question had needed to be asked at all: "Oh yes", she replied, "and there's no reason why they shouldn't". To the end, she took a simple pleasure in the sheer fun of being able to entertain.

Her husband, to whom she was devoted, died during the 1960s. They had no children.

SIR REGINALD HEWETSON

General Sir Reginald Hewetson, GCB, CBE, DSO, GOC-in-C, Far East, 1963-64, and Adjutant-General, Ministry of Defence, 1964-67, died on January 19 aged 84. He was born on August 4, 1908.

REGINALD Hackett Hewetson was C-in-C Far East during British operations in in Borneo in the first half of the 1960s. Subsequently, as Adjutant-General, he was Whitehall warrior instead of army commander, handling the instabilities and recruiting problems created in the Army by the Labour government's defence reviews in the second half of the decade.

The son of J. Hewetson of the Indian Civil Service, he was educated at Repton and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1928. He was a quiet but determined man, who was respected for his military ability and genuineness of purpose. A first class games player — cricket for Kent and the Army, and hockey for Norfolk and the Gunners — he treated life as a cricket match with all the traditional courtesies of the game.

Reggie Hewetson's military career started with regimental service in India. At the outbreak of the second world war, he went to France as Adjutant of 17th Artillery Brigade of the BEF, but was back at the Staff College, Camberley, as a student early in 1940 and so missed Dunkirk.

He did not see active service until he became the GSO 1 of Vivian Evelegh's very successful 78th Division in Tunisia at the end of 1942, staying as its principal operational staff officer until the fall of Tunis in May 1943. He then commanded 121st and 6th Field Regiments RA in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, winning the DSO, until July 1944 when he was appointed Brigadier General Staff to Richard McCreery in HQ 10th Corps. Composed largely of mountain-trained Indian divisions, 10th Corps carried out the highly skilled turning movements through the Apennines on 8th Army's inland flank during the breaching of the Gothic Line in the autumn of that year.

When the Greek communist rebellion broke out in December 1944, he was sent with HQ 10th Corps, by then under "Ginger" Hawkesworth, to Athens to control the British military countermeasures that forced the communist leaders to the negotiating table. He returned to Italy just in time to take part in the final destruction of the German armies south of the Po, and in the advance across the Venetian plain into Austria, where he became BGS British Troops Austria until 1947.

In 1956 he became Commander 11th Armoured Division, which was converted during his tenure into 4th Infantry Division in the post-National Service reorganisation of BAOR. By 1958 he was Commandant of the Staff College, Camberley; and three years later was appointed Commander British Forces Hong Kong at the time when communist inspired unrest was rife in the Colony.

In 1963 he took over as GOC-in-C Far East Land Forces in Singapore at the beginning of Sukarno's Indonesian confrontation with Malaysia over the future of the British North Borneo territories. He did not have an easy row to hoe. The intransigent, though able, General Walker was already in post as Director of Operations in Borneo. Walker would brook no interference by Army Headquarters in his operations, considering himself responsible to the Malaysian government and to the Tri-Service C-in-C, Far East. Admiral Sir David Luce.

The two generals were antitheses: Walker ruthlessly determined; Hewetson one of the world's gentlemen, and a skilled administrator, who was always prepared to compromise. It says much for Hewetson's tact and forbearance that satisfactory working arrangements were eventually established between the two men and their staffs without detriment to the campaign.

Hewetson was an excellent choice as Adjutant-General in the period of Denis Healey's radical defence reviews that began in 1965. He was one of the most considerate of men in marked contrast to many of his war-hardened colleagues; and he was trusted by all ranks of the Army to look after their interests in the cutbacks of the late 1960s.

In his three years on the Army board, he fought successfully for equitable treatment for the men made redundant by the Labour government's reduction of the Army by some 17 major units, including eight of the traditional infantry battalions.

In retirement he was executive chairman of the Army Benevolent Fund, 1968-76.

His wife, Patricia, with their son and daughter, survive him.

THE REV LANCELOT GARRARD

The Rev Lancelot Austin Garrard, Unitarian minister and Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Emerson College, Boston, Mass, 1965-71, died on January 7 aged 88. He was born at Skelbrooke, Yorkshire, on May 31, 1904.

LANCE Garrard was a revered Unitarian minister and scholar. He was editor of *The Hibbert Journal* and principal of Manchester College, Oxford. By the 1950s, the *Hibbert* was no longer as prestigious as in its early years, but Garrard's editorship (1951-62) was marked by a remarkable catholicity in the choice of contributors.

As principal (1956-65) of Manchester College, Oxford, he was also a devoted minister to the congregation which worships in the Chapel.

He was a conservative liberal in religion and politics. Brought up in an Anglican parsonage, he became a Unitarian in his early twenties. Emerson College, Boston, conferred an LLD on him in 1963 and he greatly enjoyed his years as professor of philosophy and religion there.

His major publications were *Duty and the Will of God* (1938) and *Athens or Jerusalem* (1965). His New Testament scholarship was grounded in his classical training in Wadham College, Oxford, and in his studies at Marburg. He is survived by his two sons. His wife, Muriel, died in 1984.

HIS HONOUR ALBERT HOLDSWORTH

His Honour Albert Holdsworth, QC, circuit judge, 1972-82, died on January 9 aged 83. He was born in 1909.

ALBERT Holdsworth was one of that unusual group of people who attain successful careers in more than one discipline, in his case journalism and the law. An ambition for a third career, in politics, however, eluded him.

Albert Edward Holdsworth — Bertie, as he was known to his friends — was educated at the Sir George Monoux School, Walthamstow, before going on to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Economics and Politics. He was president of the Cambridge Union in 1932.

On coming down from Cambridge he took up journalism, on the staff of the old *Financial News*, and reported the World Economic Conference in 1933. He transferred to *The Yorkshire Post* in 1933, working in its London office, first as political correspondent and later as London editor.

Simultaneously he was studying law and was called to the Bar of Middle Temple in 1936. He remained with *The Yorkshire Post* until 1946 and for a further decade continued to broadcast on current affairs topics for the BBC.

Holdsworth's work as a political correspondent gave him an appetite for active politics and he made an unsuccessful attempt to enter Parliament in 1951 when he was Conservative candidate for Ipswich. At the Conservative party conference at Llandudno in 1962 it fell to him to move the resolution in favour of Britain's entry into the European Common Market.



From 1962 to 1965 he was deputy chairman of the South West Metropolitan Mental Health Tribunal. Holdsworth had by now increasingly concentrated his energies on his legal career, practising on the South Eastern Circuit. In 1969 he took Silk and three years later was appointed a Circuit Judge, in which capacity he served until his retirement in 1982.

Bertie Holdsworth was a small man in stature but he enjoyed a large circle of friends, journalists and lawyers alike, among whom he was always a popular and respected figure. As a journalist he had been a member of the Institute of Journalists and throughout his judicial career he retained a keen interest in its affairs, often putting in an appearance at annual conferences and on social occasions.

Holdsworth was twice married. His first wife, Barbara, died in 1968 and in 1970 he married Brianne, who survives him with their two sons and a son of his first marriage.

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NEW PRESIDENT'S CALL TO AMERICAN YOUTH

From Our Own Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20

In a city clogged by deep snow and 10,000 abandoned cars, Mr John Fitzgerald Kennedy at noon today became the thirty-fifth President of the United States. Snow-ploughs and gangs of men had worked through the night to clear the processional route from the Capitol to the White House, and a brilliant sun shone as the young President delivered his inaugural address restating the old idealism with a new and determined sense of purpose.

Let the word go forth (said the President) from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans — born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a cold and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage — and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today.

Let every nation know, whether it wish us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, or oppose any foe in order to assure the survival and success of liberty.

To those nations which would make themselves America's adversaries, Mr Kennedy offered not a pledge but a request, that both sides should begin anew the quest for peace. To his fellow Americans the President said that the trumpet summoned them again, not as a call to bear arms, though arms were needed, but as a call to them to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out.

He went on: In the long history of the world only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hours of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility — I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, and the devotion which we bring to this endeavour will light our country and all who serve it — and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country will do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

My fellow citizens of the world: Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

ON THIS DAY

January 21 1961

There were echoes of John F. Kennedy's campaign throughout Bill Clinton's bid for the White House. Kennedy was the youngest man ever elected to the presidency and the first Roman Catholic.

NEWS

Clinton pledges an end to drift

■ William Jefferson Clinton was sworn in as America's 42nd president at noon yesterday, ushering in a new generation of political leadership with an address deliberately echoing that of John Kennedy exactly 32 years before.

■ Pledging an end to "an era of deadlock and drift", he declared the start of a season of renewal in which all Americans should accept new sacrifices and responsibilities to rebuild their country..... **Pages 1, 2, 3**

France accuses US over Iraq attack

■ A clear division emerged in the Gulf alliance yesterday when France accused America of going further in its attacks on Iraq than United Nations resolutions permitted. France said Sunday's cruise missile bombing of Baghdad was a disproportionate response to Iraq's actions..... **Pages 1, 9**

Hospital revolt

Signals that ministers are backtracking over the Tomlinson plans for sweeping hospital closures in London, first disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, have been cautiously welcomed by campaigners. They were also joined by more Tory MPs breaking cover to oppose the proposals..... **Page 6**

Jail suicide

A teenager hanged himself with his shirt three days after police told his jailers he was an exceptional suicide risk, an inquest heard. The family of Patrick Murphy, 16, claim the Home Office ignored warnings **Page 6**

Attacker jailed

A woman, 27, who was repeatedly stabbed, indecently assaulted and burnt and whose hand was paralysed as a result, watched in the Central Criminal Court in London as her attacker, Anthony Ferrira, was jailed for 20 years..... **Page 5**

Baby peril

Debbie Rhodes, 25, who admitted almost killing her seven-week-old daughter with overdoses of salt, was sentenced to two years' probation at Hull on condition she had psychiatric treatment..... **Page 6**

Unita victory

White English-speaking mercenaries in Angola helped the rebel Unita movement capture the important northern oil refinery and city of Soyo, reversing a tide of losses against the government. At least 17 foreigners, including a British oil worker, have been captured by Unita..... **Page 11**

Bosnian vote

Bosnian Serb leaders extracted enough votes from their parliamentary deputies to secure the continuation of peace talks in Geneva. Reluctant members of the assembly had been warned that the alternative was conflict with the world..... **Page 11**

Israel warned

A United Nations envoy warned Israeli leaders that the UN Security Council was "feeling quite impatient" with their refusal to repatriate more than 400 Palestinians who were deported to Lebanon last month as suspected Muslim militants..... **Page 9**

US stays firm

Iraq's ceasefire offer was received gratefully by the United States, anxious to celebrate the inauguration of its president without war as a backdrop. But President Clinton and his aides signalled that gratitude would not mean a softening of US policy towards Iraq while Saddam was still in charge..... **Page 9**

German dismay

The German government's proposals for the most drastic cuts in living standards in 50 years have provoked an uproar that threatens to overwhelm Bonn's attempt to reduce spending in order to rebuild the former East Germany..... **Page 10**

Home truths for the des. res. set

■ The arrival of the Property Misdescriptions Bill in April will mean fines for estate agents who mislead buyers. Their ingenuity is being tested as they look for ways to make a hovel sound like a dream home. Some plan to adopt the honesty of Roy Brooks, the Chelsea agent who once advertised a property: "Filthy old house — fashionable Chelsea"... **Page 7**

PETER TREVINOR



Headline makers: Winners of the *Times Education Supplement* newspaper awards, picked from 140 schools, collected prizes at Olympia yesterday. From left, Anne Ingledew, 16; Tim Graham, 17; Laura Scott, 10; Strise Burns, 16; Leigh-Ann Wilson, 11.

BUSINESS

Sales slip: Retail sales fell 0.7 per cent in the month of December, seasonally adjusted, dampening any hopes of a revival in consumer confidence..... **Page 21**

Builders' plea: The Construction Industry Employers' Council has urged the Chancellor to implement a package of measures, including a cut in interest rates, to aid recovery..... **Page 23**

Markets: Sterling tumbled in response to disappointing retail sales figures on talk of a further cut in interest rates, closing down .95 cents at $1.5395 and down 1.90 pfennigs at DM2.4732. The FT-SE 100 index recovered from an early setback to close up 11.1 at 2,748.7..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Cricket: The Indian cricket authorities, impressed with England's organisation, attempted a more disciplined preparation for today's second one-day international in Chandigarh, for which England has brought in leg spinner Ian Salisbury in place of John Emburey..... **Page 40**

Asians in sport: Britons of Indian and Pakistani extraction have made far less impact in sport than Afro-Caribbean blacks, with no professional footballers of repute and only two members of the 1992 Olympic team. The focus of the Asians is on economic strength first and fun afterwards, but it is the other way round with Afro-Caribbeans..... **Page 35**

BOOKS

Shorter by a head: Two hundred years ago today, Louis XVI was executed. Jeremy Black examines a biography of this tragic Bourbon; Ian McIntyre reviews a history of revolutionary France..... **Page 32**

Surviving depression: Anthony Clare and Spike Milligan jointly tackle an affliction known throughout history, whether as melancholia or black dog. Dr James Le Fanu tests Clare's study of Spike's manic depression..... **Page 32**

Women in love: Is D. H. Lawrence dated? Elaine Feinstein's new analysis of the women who dominated his life tempts Times reviewer Victoria Glendinning to read him again with compassion..... **Page 33**

Special care: The improved survival rate of babies who weighed less than 3lbs 4ozs at birth cost the NHS up to £70 million in 1990 — about £20,000 per baby. A report by the Office of Health Economics argues that this, plus the £150 million annual cost of special school education for many such children should be debated..... **Page 13**

Snow time: Blood dripping down his anorak, one eye swollen into a hairline slit, his face smeared with crusted red blotches, the skier was having some difficulty keeping a stiff upper lip. Douglas Sager on the British on skis..... **Page 12**

Reality funny: *Schtonk!*, a big-budget German film comedy based on the "Hitler Diaries" farrago, is the best of the releases..... **Page 29**

Projected changes: Wilf Stevenson, BFI director, has reorganisation plans also involving Museum of the Moving Image and National Film Theatre..... **Page 29**

Dry lesson: *King Baby*, the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest production, says little new about its subject, alcoholism, and is of inordinate length..... **Page 30**

Revamping Verdi: Sir Edward Downes talks about his new version of *Stiffelio*, a "lost" Verdi opera which he is conducting at Covent Garden this month **Page 31**



The German envoy to London, Baron Hermann von Richthofen, insists Bonn is not pushing for UN security council membership
Page 10



Jean Plaidy, known as one of the most prolific and best-loved writers of romantic fiction, has died while taking a holiday cruise
Page 7



Camilla Parker Bowles will be asked by the Press Complaints Commission if she want to take part in an enquiry into the Camillagate tape
Page 6



Jim Courier, the defending champion, was fined $1,000 for making an offensive gesture to the umpire in the Australian tennis open
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Tonight's choice

Journalists from television and newspapers reflect on the hazards of covering the war raging in the former Yugoslavia in a special edition of *The Late Show* (BBC2, 11.15pm)..... **Page 39**

Birth of a president

The troubles ahead will lie in politics not the policies, in a city of legislators who give short honeymoons even to presidents of their own side, in a world of enemies for whom the classical idealism of America is as alien as a distant planet..... **Page 17**

Purging purdah

The real reason for purdah is that the government is terrified of opening up economic policy for public debate. Ideally, there should be a green paper before each Budget..... **Page 17**

Tobacco advertising

To permit the sale of a commodity while banning information about it would be an affront to the new culture of choice and freedom of information ... Mrs Bottomley's campaign for preventive health care should be based on more information rather than less **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

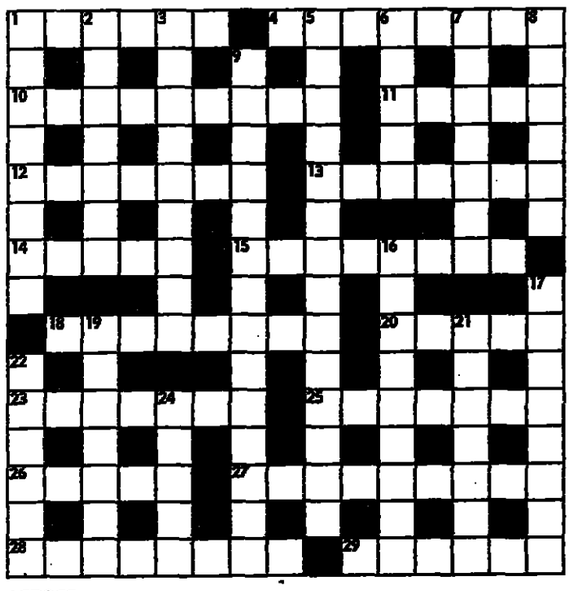
"President Clinton is the hope of my generation," says Jodie Foster, star of *Silence of the Lambs*. Ms Foster has entered the political history of America; an obsession with an earlier performance of hers led a young man to shoot President Reagan ten years ago. Now her generation, with its strange mixture of ruthlessness, charm and idealism, is the rising influence in American politics — particularly the women..... **Page 16**

PHILIP HOWARD

So farewell then, Inspector Morse. We shall not look upon your like again. The television was always better than the books, confounding the experts by getting nearly 20 million viewers to watch a complex plot for two hours at peak viewing time..... **Page 16**

Every American must want President Clinton to succeed, since his success and failures will be felt by all of us. What is disquieting, however, is the transition period revelations about him, his personalities and his policies, that explain why so many Arkansans call him "slick Willie" — *USA Today*

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ACROSS

1 Charge for popular safety device (6).
4 Flight involving publicity stunt (8).
10 Relinquish tax-paid return, being out of one's mind (9).
11 Having difficulty in moving a corpse (5).
12 In the home, urge to make savings (4,3).
13 Bletherer giving music-maker a preliminary puff (7).
14 Poet carried into a steamship (5).
15 Make out notes by a person of no importance (8).
18 Cruel one about to pursue elephant crossing river (8).
20 Low points reached by ruminants (5).
23 Information given by boy concerning a class (7).
25 Futile exploits involving the French (7).
26 Precipitation is reported to prevail (5).
27 Stupid constituents in nine seats (9).
28 No matter what, it goes, Porter noted (8).
29 Nut drops ring in a Scottish loch (6).

DOWN

1 Boundless as a Mariner's resource-and-sagacity? Just so (8).
2 Anticipates everyone deserting these wooded areas (7).
3 Donkey in crowd's upset initially by incendiary device (5,4).
5 Part of meal easily prepared for some students (8,6).
6 Crime thus contained in a fighting force (5).
7 Good-humoured sailor entering a race (7).
8 It's burnt in Fife, perhaps, extremely gladly (6).
9 Coach on course giving instructions to players (5,9).
16 The baroness's elusive plant? (9).
17 County arranged date for supporting the retired (8).
19 Allowance — one accepted by teachers in any environment (7).
21 Princess wearing spectacles for seasoning the food (7).
22 She gave advice, for instance, on going up river (6).
24 Bachelor leaves local office to establish farm (5).

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Anglesey	-	0.24	9	48	rain
Aviemore	-	0.58	3	37	rain
Belfast	-	0.01	9	48	rain
Birmingham	1.0	0.10	8	46	bright
Bognor Regis	2.8	0.11	10	50	bright
Bournemouth	0.9	0.03	10	50	rain
Bristol	-	0.15	10	50	cloudy
Cardiff	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	3.8	-	8	46	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	0.30	10	50	rain
Cromer	4.2	-	7	45	sunny
Douglas	-	0.31	8	46	rain
Eastbourne	3.7	0.06	9	48	bright
Edinburgh	-	0.20	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	1.31	5	41	rain
Exmouth	0.1	0.09	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.07	11	52	shower
Folkestone	3.6	0.03	9	48	sunny
Glasgow	-	0.76	6	46	rain
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Minehead	-	0.18	10	50	cloudy
Morecambe	-	0.45	7	45	rain
Newcastle	1.2	0.02	6	43	cloudy
Newquay	-	0.09	11	52	rain
Nottingham	0.7	0.01	7	45	bright
Penzance	-	0.06	11	52	dull
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Poole	-	0.02	10	50	cloudy
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Torquay	-	0.10	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	0.4	0.03	10	50	cloudy
Wick	-	0.01	5	41	rain
Worthing	3.5	0.07	9	48	sunny

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EUROPE

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Alaccio	15	59	s	Luxor	20	68	s
Alicntil	13	55	s	Madrid	8	46	s
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Cape Tn	23	73	f	Reykjavik	0	32	f
Chicago*	-2	28	s	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	9	48	r	Riyadh	13	55	s
C'phagn	7	45	c	Rome	13	55	s
Corfu	13	55	s	Salzburg	8	46	s
Dublin	12	54	r	S F'sco*	11	52	f
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Santiago*	30	86	s
Faro	16	61	s	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Florence	11	52	s	Seoul	-4	25	s
Frankfurt	9	48	c	Sing'por	28	82	f
Funchal	18	64	s	Stckholm	1	34	c
Geneva	8	46	s	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Sydney	25	77	c
Helsinki	1	30	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Hong K	12	54	f	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Innsbrck	5	41	f	Tenerife	19	66	s
Istanbul	6	43	f	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jeddah	24	75	s	Toronto*	-1	30	s
Jo'burg*	31	88	f	Tunis	16	61	f
L Palmas	20	68	s	Valencia	12	54	s
La Tquet	10	50	r	Vancvr*	-1	34	r
Lisbon	11	52	s	Venice	4	39	fg
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	11	52	f
London	13	55	r	Warsaw	5	41	c
L Angels*	12	54	c	Wash'ton*	3	37	s
Luxembg	7	45	d	Wel'ton	19	66	s
				Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are times yesterday

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Penzance and Newquay, both Cornwall, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 1.31in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 4.2hr.

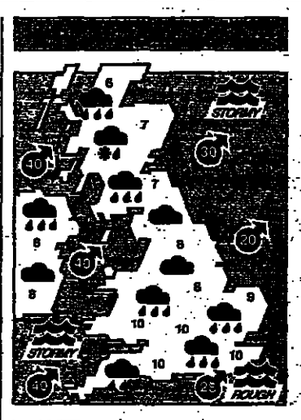
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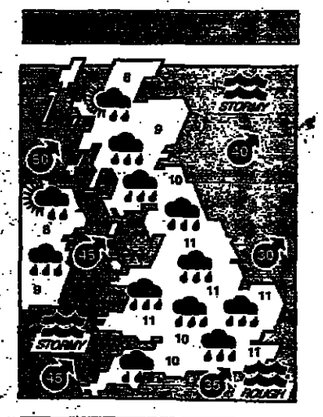
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.18
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.15	49.75
Canada $	2.092	1.932
Denmark Kr	10.11	9.31
Finland Mkk	9.05	8.25
France Fr	8.85	8.15
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	351.00	328.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	0.985	0.905
Italy Lira	2375.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	210.25	191.25
Netherlands Gld	2.55	2.72
Norway Kr	11.05	10.25
Portugal Esc	234.00	216.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
Spain Pta	161.00	168.00
Sweden Kr	11.82	10.82
Switzerland Fr	2.41	2.21
Turkey Lira	14300.0	13900.0
USA $	2.41	2.21

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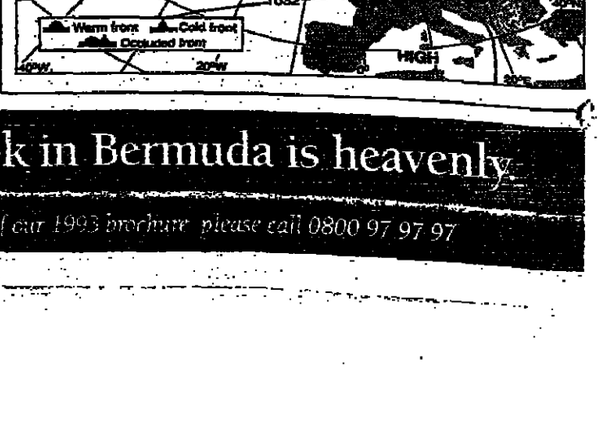
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Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 8.25 am
Manchester 4.31 pm to 8.09 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 8.09 am

Sun rises: 7.54 am
Sun sets: 4.31 pm
Moon rises: 6.54 am
Moon sets: 3.30 pm
New moon tomorrow

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	s	Guernsey	11	52	s
B'mingham	12	54	c	Inverness	8	46	r
Blackpool	9	48	r	Jersey	11	52	r
Bristol	12	54	d	London	13	55	r
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'chester	12	54	r
Edinburgh	10	50	f	Newcastle	12	54	r
Glasgow	9	48	s	R'nkleway	10	50	r

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.41	6.5	1.09	6.6	Liverpool	10.21	9.9	10.48	8.6
Aberdeen	12.21	3.8	12.28	4.0	Lowestoft	8.48	2.2	9.45	2.3
Avonmouth	6.14	12.1	6.39	12.0	Margate	11.25	4.3	11.33	4.4
Belfast	10.06	3.4	10.33	3.2	Milford Haven	5.16	6.4	5.40	6.3
Cardiff	5.59	11.2	6.24	11.2	Newquay	4.08	6.5	4.31	6.3
Devonport	4.39	6.0	5.07	4.8	Oban	4.50	3.7	5.15	3.5
Dover	10.13	6.0	10.34	6.2	Penzance	3.39	5.1	4.06	4.9
Falmouth	4.09	4.8	4.37	4.7	Portland	5.41	1.9	6.06	1.7
Glasgow			12.11	4.6	Portsmouth	10.24	4.5	10.57	4.5
Harwich	11.01	3.7	11.18	3.7	Holyhead	9.29	5.3	9.57	5.1
Hull	5.29	6.6	5.39	6.6	Southampton	10.02	4.2	10.37	4.1
Ilfracombe	5.02	8.4	5.25	8.4	Swansea	5.13	8.6	5.36	8.6
King's Lynn	5.39	5.8	6.45	6.1	Tees	2.47	4.8	3.00	5.0
Leith	1.41	5.1	1.54	5.2	Wilton-on-Nze	10.57	3.9	11.15	3.9



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Fall in sales hits recovery hopes

Sterling drops amid talk of further base rate cut

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ A setback in retail sales, one of the most encouraging economic indicators of last year, has puzzled the Treasury and renewed talk of a further interest rate cut

HOPES that the spending power of consumers is beginning to fuel economic recovery received a blow yesterday with news of an unexpected fall in retail sales in December. This seemed to confirm the downbeat message this week about the Christmas sales period from retailers surveyed by the Confederation of British Industry.

Sterling dropped as dealers reacted to the news, which appears to suggest that consumers are still on the defensive. Some dealers, who had assumed that interest rates would be held at current levels, started to think that base rates might fall again as part of government efforts to ignite recovery.

John Shepperd of Warburg Securities said the December drop was worrying. "The government needs to see consumer spending moving ahead to drive recovery. They cannot afford to let this stall." Michael Saunders of Salomon Brothers said: "December retail figures can be very volatile but nevertheless these figures suggest that the economy remains sluggish."

Retail sales fell a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in December compared with the previous month, a surprise to many City economists who were looking for a rise of around 0.5 per cent. At the same time, however, the Central Statistical Office said it had revised its retail sales figures for September, October and November. The latest figures show retail sales were unchanged between October and November whereas the CSO originally reported a 0.1 per cent decline.

Food and mixed retail sales held up in December but non-food categories such as clothing and footwear and household goods fell quite sharply. This is of particular concern because such goods tend to be more cyclical and point more clearly to turns in the economic cycle.

The Treasury put on a brave face, one spokesman describing the figures as "curious". He said: "This is not so much a fall in retail sales as a failure of sales to surge as much as previous Christmases."

The Treasury pointed out that, despite the seasonally adjusted fall in sales between November and December, the level of sales was still the highest since spring 1990. Taking the last three months together, sales were up 0.3 per cent on the previous three, months and 1.3 per cent up on a year ago.

The government pointed to signs of recovery such as an increase in the growth of narrow money supply, car sales and improved surveys of consumer and business confidence. Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said: "Retail sales remain on an upward trend and we mustn't let one month's figures mask all the encouraging signs."

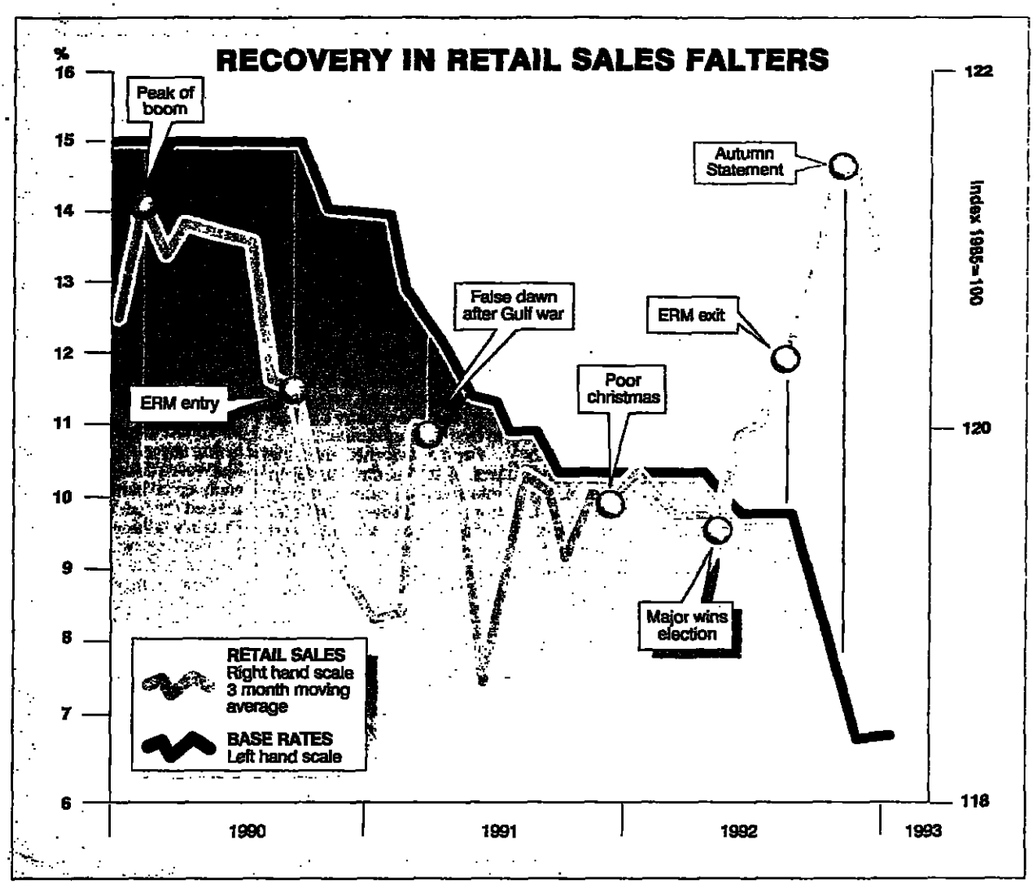
The CBI's distributive trades survey this week suggested that retailers and wholesalers had a poor December and expected sales to be flat in January, despite anecdotal evidence, backed up by the Retail Consortium yesterday, that December had indeed had a strong finish.

The consortium said that, after a weak start, December sales were better than expected, although largely because of deep discounting both before and after Christmas.

Today the government releases December's jobless figures, with economists expecting the official total to jump by around 35,000 to a five-and-a-half year high of more than 2.9 million.

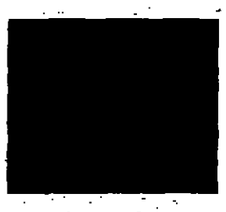
Markets renewed speculation that interest rates will be cut again from 7 per cent. Gilt prices rose by around ¼ point at the short end and sterling lost 2 pfennigs to DM2.4720.

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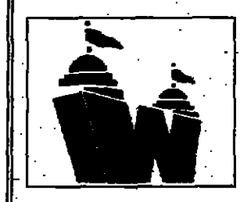


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US $ .....1.5395 (-0.0095)
German mark....2.4732 (-0.0210)
Exchange index.....80.6 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2748.7 (+11.1)
Dow Jones ...3263.02 (+7.03)*
Nikkei Av ....16510.18 (-288.46)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 7%
3-month Interbank..... 7-6⅞%
US Federal Funds..... 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.01-3.00%*
Long Bond..... 7.29%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£/$	1.5410*	£/$	1.5410
$/DM	1.6065*	£/DM	2.4741
$/SWfr	1.4710*	£/SWfr	2.2683
$/Ffr	5.4275*	£/Ffr	8.3540
$/Yen	124.94*	£/Yen	192.27
$/SDR	1.1212	£/ECU	1.2626

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 328.65 ..... PM 329.00
Close 329.10-329.60
New York:
Comex 328.75-329.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.2 December (2.6%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Governor warns on property

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, has issued a warning that recovery in the property market is some way off and that property investments will no longer be the fastest route to personal and corporate wealth. Homeowners can no longer expect to make a quick profit on their properties, the Governor argued, and it would be "no bad thing" if residential prices were more realistic.

In an apparent attempt to change people's views about property ownership, the Governor argued: "One of the benefits of the low inflation economy which is our goal would be a revival of the rented sector, with the bonus of improved mobility that it confers. Provided we succeed, the role of property will change. It will no longer have the allure of being the fastest route to personal and corporate wealth nor itself add in this way to more general inflationary pressure."

The remarks were made in a speech to the British Property Federation, but were delivered by Pen Kent, associate director of the Bank, because Mr Leigh-Pemberton was ill. In the speech, the Governor asserted: "Property will remain important as a factor of economic life, but I suggest that certain traditional assumptions about the market need to be re-evaluated as distortions, such as inflation, are removed."

Mr Leigh-Pemberton offered little comfort to those hoping for an immediate recovery in property values. Although he expects to see recovery in the commercial market in the sense of the revival of a two-way market, it is not likely to be rapid. There are encouraging signs of a revival of interest from investors, he argued, but: "It seems likely that tenant demand will remain weak for some time — and oversupply, particularly in central London, will continue to overshadow the market for a long period."

Mr Leigh-Pemberton criticised upwards-only rent review clauses which "seem designed for a world which had the certainty of an upwards-only pattern of property values". He insisted this was damaging to the economy.

☐ Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, has called for measures to stimulate the property market. The proposals include removal of the need for companies to pay rates on empty commercial properties, phased abolition of mortgage interest relief and abolition of stamp duty and capital gains tax on privately rented properties.

Dixons claim investigated

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE Office of Electricity Regulation, Offer, is to investigate complaints by Dixons, the high street electronics retailer, that it is facing unfair competition from the retailing businesses of the privatised regional electricity companies.

A week ago Offer and the Office of Fair Trading said that it was unclear within whose remit an investigation should fall.

But Offer said yesterday that it would definitely be studying the aspects of the claim by Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, that hinged on the terms under which the RECs were granted electricity distribution licences.

These forbid a cross-subsidisation of retailing activities from distribution profits — which Dixons alleges is happening. The RECs, such as Norweb, Southern Electricity and Eastern Electricity, have denied the claim. Offer said officials would discuss the issue with OFT counterparts next Tuesday.



Kalms: trading complaint

It added: "That meeting will be to discuss whether there are other aspects of this case which could come under the Office of Fair Trading. But the issue of cross-subsidisation would definitely come under Offer." The Office of Fair Trading said that it agreed with Offer.

The development was welcomed by Dixons. Mark Souhami, the deputy chairman, said: "I'm more than satisfied that the two regulators seem to have reached the conclusion that it is quite proper for them both to be involved."

He said that the issues raised by Dixons embraced allegations of anti-competitiveness and contravention of the RECs' electricity supply licences.

The issues, he added, were inextricably intertwined, and so the company had addressed its submissions to the director-general of fair trading and the director-general of electricity supply. He now believed two regulatory investigations would run in parallel.

It is understood that the substance of the complaints by Dixons has been sent by Offer to the electricity companies for comment.

A step up would be a step too far



ANATOLE KALETSKY

As he examines yesterday's miserable retail sales figures, and braces himself for further trouble this morning, when the next set of output and unemployment statistics are due to be released, John Major might do well to look back over events since last September. Especially, he might ponder again the quality of economic advice given by the Treasury and the Bank of England.

Not only were the mandarins unfailingly wrong in their every forecast and recommendation in the months leading up to White Wednesday. It is becoming clear that their misjudgments continued all the way up to Norman Lamont's half-baked Autumn Statement. Industrialists, economists and commentators were almost unanimous in demanding an interest rate cut of two percentage points in the Autumn Statement. But the Treasury and the Bank ignored them and told the Chancellor to cut by a single point. As a result, the economy has sunk back into stagnation after the one-week "recovery" of late December.

That is a matter for Mr Lamont to attend to in his March Budget, when a further big cut in interest rates can now confidently be predicted, preceded or followed by another sharp fall in the pound. But well before Budget time, the prime minister should ask himself another question about the recent performance of top Treasury and Bank of England officials. Have they done so outstandingly well that they deserve to be exceptionally promoted?

The promotion in question is to Governor of the Bank of England, the grandest and highest paid non-royal job in the British public sector. The official who seems to be in line for this prize is Eddie George, the present deputy Governor, and the man generally regarded as the British government's "eyes and ears" in the foreign exchange market.

If the prime minister decides to promote Mr George to Governor, as the City and the bookmakers expect, he should ask himself another question. What kind of a signal will this send to the rest of the public sector, where accountability and efficiency are supposed to be the Major era's Big Ideas? Mr George may be qualified for the top job by his long experience of central banking and his reputation as the hardest working and most effective manager the Bank of England has had for many years. But recently his exertions have contributed to two of the costliest debacles in the history of central banking: the gambling away of £2 billion to £5 billion pounds of taxpayers' money on White Wednesday; and the Bank's failure to detect, deter or dislodge the swindlers, drug pushers and terrorists running BCCI.

The Bingham Report specifically mentioned Mr George's responsibility in the BCCI affair, but it could be that the deputy Governor was personally blameless for the monetary policy mistakes that have done infinitely more harm. Perhaps he advised against joining the ERM in October 1990. Perhaps he argued for sharp cuts in interest rates at each of the monthly monetary policy meetings held since then.

But Mr George's personal views are almost beside the point. Because of the obsessive secrecy surrounding economic policymaking in Britain, Mr George's personal role in the monetary disasters of the past three years will not be clear for at least 30 years. In fact, the few drops of information that have dribbled out of the impressively leak-proof government economic machine suggest Mr George was on the side of the angels over ERM membership (that is, against it), but was firmly with the devil on interest rates. He is said to have been the most ruthlessly deflationary of all the Chancellor's senior advisers, arguing against lower interest rates when even the Treasury thought the time was ripe for cuts.

But these are mere rumours. Unless the prime minister is willing to suspend the Official Secrets Act, there will be only one reliable way for the public to judge Mr George's fitness for promotion — by the results the Bank of England has achieved since he became deputy Governor three years ago. If that is to be the model for the public sector management in the age of the Citizens' Charter, managers at British Rail and London Transport can rest easy in their featherbeds.

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Shell criticises state of world oil tanker fleet

A FIFTH of the world's oil tankers should be scrapped, according to Shell International, part of the Royal Dutch/Shell group (Reuter reports).

"Shell inspections show that about 20 per cent of tankers are sub-standard and should not be chartered," the company says. "The ability of such ships to continue trading instead of being forced into the scrapyard is delaying the recovery in freight rates."

Shell estimates that more than half the world's 3,250 tankers are more than 15 years old and says low freight rates are preventing shipowners from earning the $200 billion needed to update the aging fleet.

"Many classification societies and flag state administrators have placed more emphasis on the size of their respective fleets than policing *safety standards*," it says. If standards are raised, shipowners move their fleets to another society or flag.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has sharply attacked the state of the world's tankers. "Shipping casualty rates and the amount of sub-standard shipping ... is an international disgrace," he said recently. "The evidence that many flag states are failing in their responsibilities is incontrovertible."

Mr MacGregor said it was up to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to establish standards, as regulation needed to be on a worldwide basis. But the IMO had only limited power to enforce standards.

An EC Commission is due to issue a statement on maritime safety shortly, and Mr MacGregor said an increasing number of EC member states seemed prepared to contemplate radical action on *sub-standard shipping in* Community waters.

ICI swaps plant assets with BASF

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ICI, in an extension of its "swap shop" philosophy, is acquiring BASF's West European acrylics business with annual sales of £60 million, while selling to BASF its polypropylene businesses in Western Europe that have an annual turnover of £135 million.

The difference in value between the two assets will be recognised by a cash payment by *BASF* to ICI, the size of which has to be determined, but which is likely to be in the *tens of millions* of pounds.

ICI's purchase includes plants at Mainz, Germany, *and near Barcelona, Spain*, which employ 400 people, and is a further step in its *strategy of building a globally* competitive position in acrylics manufacture. Current annual ICI *turnover in acrylics* is about £300 million. The plants ICI is acquiring have capacities of 21,000 tonnes of granules and 13,000 tonnes of semi-finished products, and will complement plants in Asia Pacific, North America and Britain.

In April 1992, ICI bought Du Pont's US-based acrylics business, though this deal has yet to be cleared by American regulatory aurhorities.

BASF acquires ICI plants at Rozenburg, Netherlands, and Wilton, Cleveland, which have an aggregate annual capacity *of 300,000 tonnes a year*. About 530 employees are affected, who will transfer to *the new owner on completion*.

Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's chairman, said the transaction *will enhance the ability of the* group's acrylics business to serve its continental European *customer base*. The transactions should be finalised by mid year.

STOCK MARKET

City's young bloods play spot the next bid target

SPOT the next bid target appears to be the latest craze adopted by the young bloods of the Square Mile, judging by some of the price movements currently being recorded.

Large amounts of money are being spent on this latest game, designed to try to generate new business. Big trading positions have been built up on the favourites, several of which have been tipped in the past.

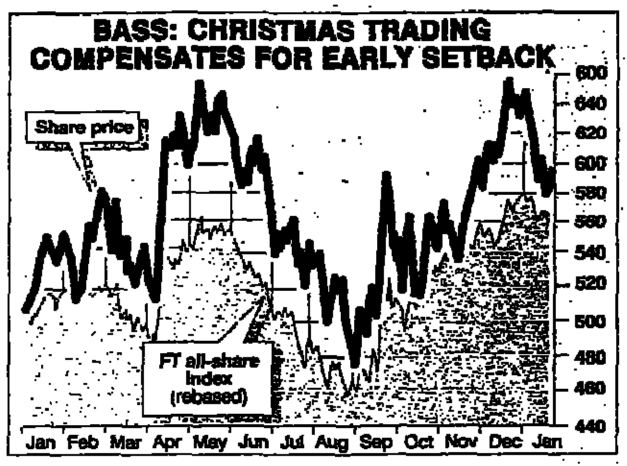
At the moment, the odds-on favourite among the speculators to lose its independence first is **Lucas Industries**, 1p lighter at 139p. There seems to be little doubt that Lucas is worried about the prospect of an unwanted bid. *It knows it is* vulnerable because of its recent poor trading record and management changes.

In the past few months, its share price has rebounded *from a low of 78p to touch a* high of 153p. Recently, it appointed Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, as one of its financial advisers.

The odds are also shortening on a bid for **Standard Chartered**, the international banking group, up another 6p, at 636p, after touching 650p. In spite of the effects of recession and bad debts, the shares have gone from strength to strength, having come up from a low of 364p. Earlier this week, Goldman Sachs recommended the shares.

Kwik Save Discount, the food retailing group, has returned to the takeover spotlight, prompted by the decision of Dairy Farm of Hong Kong to increase its holding by a full 1 per cent to *26 per cent. Its shares rose* 12p to 806p.

Even **Smith & Nephew**, the *Elastoplast group, ½p firmer* at 157p, is being mentioned as a possible takeover target. *Some market watchers believe* this is improbable, but those with long memories can re*member Smith & Nephew* fighting off the unwanted advances of Unilever in the 1960s. Other takeover targets include **Trafalgar House**, 3½p better at 92p, where Hong Kong Land has a near *15 per cent stake*, **Blue Circle Industries**, 3p dearer at 205p, once the subject of a dawn raid, and **Pilkington**, 1p cheaper at 100p, which attracted the attention of BTR a few years ago. The rest of the equity market closed a shade below its best for the day, with the FT-SE 100 Index extending Wednesday's rally to finish 24.6 up, at 2,773.3, as talk of a cut in bank base rates intensified.



Commercial Union firmed 1p to 617p despite the efforts of Smith New Court, which has published a 103-page tome recommending the shares. It says CU is in the best position to take advantage of any upturn in the insurance market. Dividend increases from 1993 should compare favourably with the rest of the market. It has set a 12-month target of 750p for the shares.

The latest gloomy unemployment figures have convinced the institutions that the Chancellor has to take further *action to revive the economy.*

Turnover was boosted to 700 million shares by a late *programme trade that saw* some large lines of stock go through the market. These included 1.8 *million* **Sears**, 1p dearer at 102p, 1 million **Guardian Royal Exchange**, *6p* better at 170p, 1.2 million **Tesco**, 4p lower at 263p, 1 million **British Gas**, 1p up at 287p 435,000 BP, ½p firmer at 230½p, and 580,000 *BT*, 3½p down at 277p. **Lasmo** finished all-square at 146p *despite talk of a savage profits* downgrading by BZW. It is expected to make about £59 *million* for 1992, but BZW has cut its forecast for 1993 from £95 million to £41 million. **Thorn EMI** was another weak market, losing 12p to 834p, after a downgrading.

The drinks sector made up some of Wednesday's lost ground, cheered by news from Bass of strong Christmas trading. Ian Prosser, the chairman, told shareholders that there had been a general improvement in beer and pub operations, which had en*abled it to recover most of the* decline in beer volumes seen in the first two months of the year. Free trade beer sales were up 5 per cent on the previous year and total sales were down just half a point. Bass responded 17p to 599p.

The news put 9p on **Allied-Lyons** at 599p, 8p on **Greenalls** at 418p, and 1p on **Scottish & Newcastle** at 444p. **Wolverhampton & Dudley**, which forecast a 3 per cent decline in beer sales at its annual meeting earlier this week, rallied 4p to 569p. **Grand Metropolitan** jumped 15p to 440p, cheered by recommendations from Kleinwort Benson and James Capel.

Airtours, now battling for control of **Owners Abroad**, has reported a 7 per cent rise in summer holiday bookings and a 17 per cent improvement in those for winter breaks. David Crossland, the chairman, told shareholders that trading results for the first quarter were in line with forecasts. **Owners** finished 1p cheaper at 114p.

Speculative buying hoisted **GM Firth**, the steel stockholder, *4p higher at 14p. Roger* Shute, former chairman of BM Group has bought 1.45 million shares, or 4.39 per cent of Firth.

Shares of **Hunter Saphir**, the fresh food produce and spices distributor, returned from suspension 5p higher at 41p after announcing terms of an agreed £29.3 million bid from Albert Fisher. The shares ended the session at 42p, *matching* the terms from Albert Fisher. Fisher shares were unmoved, at 69p.

Water shares took a pasting from Crédit Lyonnais Laing, which has cut its earnings forecast for the sector by 25 per cent during the second half of the decade. Robert Giles, an analyst, said that investors were feeling justifiably concerned about the regulatory enviroment for the industry. He said the market had been too complacent *about a government re-appraisal* of the sector's pricing structures expected next year.

Losses were recorded in **Anglian** 7p to 462p, **Northumbrian** 8p to 465p, **North West** 4p to 453p, **South West** 4p to 476p, **Thames** 7p to 472p, **Welsh** 8p to 515p, and **Wessex** 6p to 576p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

HK shares rise on bargain-hunting

Hong Kong — Shares rose before the market closed for the lunar new year holiday on selective bargain hunting, brokers reported.

The Hang Seng index finished the shortened week up 37.37 points, 0.64 per cent, at 5,914.39. It touched a high of 5,936.15 at one point after reversing all early losses.

James Lam, an analyst at Nikko Securities, said: "It's because of the traditional new year optimism. People tried to grab laggards which are expected to rise after the lunar new year.

The market will be closed tomorrow and Monday.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in thin, choppy trading as index-linked buying, triggered by short-covering in the futures market, erased early losses. The Nikkei average was up 28.50 points, or 0.17 per cent, *to* 16,538.68, with an estimated 200 million shares traded.

☐ **Singapore** — Offshore demand for Singapore blue chips led shares to a strong close, making a *surge* to record highs in half-day trading tomorrow possible, brokers said. The *Straits Times* industrial index closed 15.71 points higher, at 1,593.87, on volume of 63.9 million *shares*. Overall, declining issues outnumbered advancing shares 111 to 79.

☐ **Sydney** — A weaker Australian dollar kept overseas investors away as the *market* closed lower in thin, directionless trading. Brokers said many domestic players *stayed* on the sidelines. The All Ordinaries index ended 2.7 points down, at 1,519.1. *(Reuter)*

Setback for Dow in early trading

New York — Blue chips rebounded to break-even levels by late morning and largely shrugged off President Clinton's first military venture into Iraq.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.71 points, at 3,239.25.

Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "I still don't think it is a factor. The market is used to these kinds of attack, even if you have a new president."

Mr Simmons noted that, as in the case with former President Bush, markets would react only if tensions heightened. Earlier, defence officials said that American jets had fired on ground radar in northern Iraq.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended mixed as the market tried to consolidate the gains won since last Friday, traders said. Although the Bundesbank council did not cut interest rates, the overwhelming view in German markets is that key rates *will* begin *falling* by the end of the quarter. The Dax index ended 1.21 points lower, at 1,573.67. *(Reuter)*

	Jan 21 midday	Jan 20 close
AMP Inc	56¾	57¼
AMR Corp	66	67¼
Abbott Labs	27¼	27¼
Aetna Life	49¾	49¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	20
Air Prod & Chem	45	45
Albertson's	49	49¼
Alcan Alumnm	17¼	17¼
Alco Standard	38¼	38¼
Allied Signal	59¾	59¾
Alum Co of Am	68¾	68¼
Amax	16¼	16¼
Amerada Hess	44¾	44
Amer Brands	35¾	36
Amer Cyanamid	54	53¾
Amer El Power	33¾	33¼
Amer Express	25¼	25¾
Amer Genl Corp	57¼	57¾
Amer Home Pr	64¾	64¾
Amer Intl	113¾	114¾
Amer Stores	43	43¾
Amer T & T	54¾	53¾
Ameritech	73¾	73
Amoco	48¾	48¼
Anheuser-Busch	58¼	58¾
Apple Computer	59¾	60
Archer Daniels	27¾	27¾
Arkla	7¼	7¼
Armco	7	6¾
Armstrong Wrld	29¼	29¾
Asarco	27	26¾
Ashland Oil	26¾	26¾
Atl Richfield	109¾	109¾
Auto Data Pro	52	51½
Avery Dennison	29¼	29¾
Avon Products	56¼	56½
Baker Hughes	18¼	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	23¾	23¾
Banc One	50¼	50¾
BankAmerica	51¾	51¾
Bank of NY	58¾	59
Bankers Tr NY	67¼	67¾
Barnett Banks	43¼	43¼
Bausch & Lomb	51½	51½
Baxter Intl	31¼	31¼
Becton Dickson	77¼	76¾
Bell Atlantic	51¾	51¼
BellSouth	53¼	53¾
Black & Decker	17¼	17¼
Block (H&R)	37¾	38
Boeing	36¼	36¾
Boise Cascade	21¼	21¼
Borden Inc	27¼	27¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	61	62
Browning Ferris	27	26¾
Burlington Nthn	42¼	42¾
CBS	191¾	197¼
CNA Financial	94¾	95¾
CPC Intl	47¼	47¼
CSX	73¼	73¼
Campbell Soup	40¼	40
Can Pacific	12¼	12¼
Cptl Cities ABC	501	498
Cptl Holdings	75¾	76¼
Carolina Pwr	56	55¾
Caterpillar	55¾	56
Central & SW	28¼	28¾
Champion Intl	28¼	27¾
Chase Manhat	28¼	30
Chemical Bk	39¾	40¼
Chevron Corp	68	68¾
Chrysler	37¼	37¼
Chubb Corp	84¾	84¼
Cigna Corp	59¾	60
Citicorp	25¾	26
Clorox	46¼	46¾
Coastal Corp	24¾	24¾
Coca Cola	41¾	41¾
Colgate-Palmolive	56¾	56¾
Columbia Gas	19¾	20¼
Commonw Ed	24¾	24¾
Compaq Comp	52¾	52¾
Comp Ass Int	29¾	28¾
Conagra	31	31½
Cons Edison	32¼	32¾
Cons Nat Gas	44¾	45¼
Cons Rail	49¼	49¼
Cooper Inds	47¼	47
Corning Inc	37¾	37¾
Crown Cork	39¼	38¾
Dana Corp	48¾	48¼
Dayton Hudson	77¼	77¼
Deere	46¾	46¼
Delta Air Lines	52¾	53¼
Deluxe Corp	46¼	46¼
Detroit Edison	33¾	33¾
Digital Equip	41¾	41¾
Dillard Dept St	47¾	47¾
Disney (Walt)	44¼	44¾
Dominion Res	39¼	39¾
Donnelley (RR)	29¾	30¼
Dover Corp	46¼	46¾
Dow Chemicals	52¾	53¾
Dow Jones	29¾	29¾
Dresser	17¾	17¾
Duke Power	35¾	35¾
Dun & Brdstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	45¾	46¾
Eastman Kodak	48¾	48¾
Eaton Corp	79¾	79¾
Emerson Elec	53	53
Engelhard Corp	37¾	37¾
Enron Corp	45¾	45¾
Entergy Corp	33¾	33¾
Ethyl Corp	30	30
Exxon	58	58¾
FMC Corp	51¾	51¾
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	59¾	57¾
Fed Nat Mtge	78¾	79¾
First Chicago	40¼	40¾
First Interstate	50¾	50
First Union Rty	9¼	9¼
Fleet Fnl Grp	34¾	34¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	43¼
Ford Motor	46¾	46¾
GTE Corp	35	34¾
Gannett	52¾	53¾
Gap Inc Del	34¾	34¾
Gen Cinema	37¾	37¾
Gen Dynamics	113	115
Gen Electric	83¾	82¾
Gen Mills	67¾	67¾
Gen Motors	38¾	38¾
Gen Reinsurance	114	114¾
Gen Signal	64¼	64¼
Genuine Parts	34¾	34¾
Georgia Pac	60¾	59¾
Gillette	55¾	55¾
Glaxo ADR	21¾	21¾
Goodrich (BF)	49¾	48¾
Goodyear Tire	65¾	65¾
Grace (WR)	38¾	38¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	25
Great Wstn Fin	18¾	18¾
Halliburton	29¾	29¾
Heinz (HJ)	42	42¼
Hercules	60¾	67¾
Hershey Foods	47¾	46¾
Hewlett Packard	71¾	70¾
Hilton Hotels	47¾	47
Home Depot	65¾	64¾
Homestake	10¼	10¾
Honeywell	32¼	32¾
Household Intl	60¾	62¾
Houston Inds	46¼	46
Humana	19¼	19¾
ITT Corp	73¾	72¾
Illinois Tool	66¼	66
INCO	21¾	21¾
Ingersoll Rand	32¾	32
Inland Steel	23¾	22¾
Intel Corp	111¾	112¾
IBM	46¼	46¾
Intl Flav & Fr	106	106¾
Intl Paper	62	61¾
James River Va	17¾	17¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	46¾	45¾
K Mart	23¾	23¾
Kellogg	61¾	61¾
Kerr-McGee	42¾	42
Kimberly-Clark	60¾	60¾
Knight-Ridder	60¾	60¾
Lilly (Eli)	58¾	58¾
Limited Inc	28¾	28¾
LIN Brdcstng	86¾	87¾
Lincoln Nat	73¾	73¾
Litton	43¾	43
Liz Claiborne	40¾	40¾
Lockheed Corp	56	55¾
Louisiana Pac	68¾	68
MCI Commun	41	41¾
Marriott	23¾	23¾
Marsh & McLnn	91	91¾
Martin Marietta	71¾	70¾
Masco Corp	30¾	31¾
May Dept St	69	69
Maytag Corp	14¾	14¾
McCaw Cellular	38¾	39
McDonalds	49¾	49¾
McDonnell D	53¾	54
McGraw Hill	60¾	60¾
Mead Corp	37¾	37¾
Medtronic	90¾	89¾
Mellon Bk	56¾	56¾
Melville Corp	52¾	52¾
Merck Inc	41¾	41¾
Merrill Lynch	64¾	63¾
Minnesota Mine	99	98¾
Mobil Corp	60	60¾
Monsanto	50¾	52¾
Morgan (JP)	60¾	60¾
Motorola Inc	60¾	60¾
Natl Medical	10¾	10¾
Natl Semi	11¾	11¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	27
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	32¾	33¾
NY Times A	27¾	27
Newmont Mng	38¾	38¾
Niag Mohawk	19¾	19¾
Nike B	84¾	84¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	37¾	38¾
Norfolk Sthrn	60¾	60¾
Nthn State Pwr	43¾	43¾
Norwest Corp	43¾	43
Nynex Corp	83¾	83¾
Occidental Pet	17¾	17¾
Ohio Edison	22¾	23
Oracle Systems	30¾	29¾
Oryx Energy Co	17¾	17¾
PNC Financial	31	30¾
PPG Industries	59¾	61¾
Paccar Inc	57¾	58
Pacificorp	19¾	19
Pac Enterprises	19¾	19¾
Pac Gas & Elect	32¾	32¾
Pac Telesis	46¾	46¾
Pall Corp	20¾	20¾
Panhandle East	18¾	18¾
Paramount Comm	43¾	42¾
Parker Hannifin	31¾	31¾
Penney (JC)	72¾	73
Pennzoil	49¾	49¾
Pepsico	40¾	40¾
Pfizer	64¾	63¾
Phelps Dodge	50¾	50¾
Philadel Elec	26¾	26¾
Philip Morris	77¾	70¾
Phillips Pet	24¾	24¾
Pitney Bowes	40¾	40¾
Polaroid	28¾	28¾
Price Co	39	39
Primerica	51¾	51¾
Procter & Gmbl	49¾	49¾
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	64¾	63¾
Ralston Purina	45¾	45¾
Raychem Corp	38¾	38¾
Raytheon	52¾	51¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	36¾
Reynolds Metals	50¾	50¾
Roadway Srvcs	71¾	71¾
Rockwell Intl	29¾	30
Rohm & Haas	53¾	53¾
Royal Dutch	78¾	79
Rubbermaid	30¾	30¾
Safeco Corp	59	59
St Paul's Cos	77¾	77¾
Salomon Inc	36¾	36¾
Santa Fe S Pac	13¾	13¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	27¾
Scecorp	43¾	43¾
Schering Plough	58¾	57¾
Schlumberger	56¾	56¾
Scott Paper	35¾	35¾
Seagram	24¾	25¾
Sears Roebuck	47¾	47¾
Shell Trans	48¾	48¾
Sherwin Wlms	30¾	30¾
Skyline Corp	22¾	22¾
Snap-On-Tools	31¾	31¾
Southern Co	38¾	38¾
Sthwestern Bell	72¾	72¾
Sprint Corp	27¾	27¾
Stanley Works	39¾	39¾
Sun Company	27¾	27¾
Suntrust	43¾	43¾
Supervalu	34¾	34¾
Syntex Corp	21¾	21¾
Sysco Corp	24	23¾
TRW Inc	56	56¾
Tandem Comp	13¾	16¾
Tandy Corp	27¾	27¾
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	19¾	19¾
Temple Inland	47¾	47
Tenneco	39¾	40
Texaco	58	58¾
Texas Inst	55¾	56
Texas Utilities	43	42¾
Textron	42¾	42
Time Warner	32	32¾
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	28¾	28¾
Torchmark	57¾	57¾
Toys R Us	38¾	39
Transamerica	48¾	47¾
Travelers Corp	27¾	27¾
Tribune	50¾	50¾
Tyco Labs	45¾	44¾
UAL Corp	129¾	128
UST Inc	30¾	30¾
USX Marathon	16¾	16¾
Unilever NV	105¾	105¾
Union Camp	43¾	44
Union Carbide	16¾	16¾
Union Pacific	58¾	59¾
Unisys Corp	13	12¾
USAIR Group	15¾	15¾
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	37¾	37¾
US West	38¾	37¾
United Tech	48¾	48¾
Unocal Corp	23¾	23¾
Upjohn	29¾	29
VF Corp	52¾	52¾
Wal-Mart Stores	59¾	59¾
Warner-Lambert	65¾	64¾
Waste Mgmnt Inc	37¾	37¾
Wells Fargo	96¾	97¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	14
Weyerhaeuser	37¾	37¾
Whirlpool	45¾	45¾
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	76	76
Woolworth	29	29¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30¾	30¾
Xerox	83	83¾

Japanese rate hopes fade

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPANESE money supply data for December showed negative growth for the fourth consecutive month, indicating the economy will take more time to recover, but economists think it unlikely to spur the Bank of Japan (BOJ) to ease monetary policy.

Yozo Nishimura, an economist at the Bank of Tokyo, said: "Past economic indicators have made financial markets expect the BOJ could cut the discount rate any time, but its credit easings always lag behind market speculation."

Japan's broadly defined money supply average of M2 plus certificates of deposit for December shrank a preliminary 0.5 per cent from a year earlier, versus a revised 0.6 per cent fall in November.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays ... 412p (+15p)	Smithkline Uts ... 445p (+13p)
HSBC ... 550p (+23p)	Swire Pacific 'A' ... 261p (+13p)
Nat West ... 426p (+11p)	Takeda Chem ... 659p (+21p)
Bass ... 595p (+13p)	Vinten ... 304p (+11p)
Liberty Life ... 872p (+14p)	Wellcome ... 930p (+17p)
Pearson ... 370p (+11p)	Weir ... 646p (+12p)
More O'Ferrall ... 210p (+10p)	General Accident ... 579p (+14p)
Yorklyde ... 297p (+12p)	FALLS:
Eurotunnel Uts ... 396p (+11p)	Elys (Wimbldn) ... 480p (-15p)
Ocean Group ... 283p (+15p)	Capita Group ... 424p (-9p)
Grand Met ... 440p (+15p)	Mountview ... 805p (-45p)
SA Breweries ... 825p (+32p)	

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RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	270	...
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 105		...
Hunters Armley (90)	120	+2
Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	+6
Mauritius Fund (£10½)	£10½	...
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	57	+1
Prime People Warrants	1½	-½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Melville n/p (5)	¼	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	13	...
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1	...
Trio Holdings n/p (50)	13	...
West Trust n/p (3)	½	...

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities enjoyed support across the board as pressure on the Chancellor for a cut in inter*est rates intensified.*

Dealers reported strong institutional demand which intensified after publication of the latest gloomy unemployment figures and the subsequent weakness in the pound against the mark.

Prices at the shorter end scored gains, with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 rising 11 ticks to £110[17]/32. The longer end of the market also enjoyed support, with the latest average earnings figures indicating that inflation remains under control. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose 22 ticks to £101¼. On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt left its narrow trading range. It closed just below its best of the day, at £100⅝, a rise of £⅞, with 45,000 contracts completed.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gra red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 1993	100 †	...	8.25	6.77
101[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 10% 1993	100[illegible]	...	9.93	6.54
104[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 12½% 1993	102[illegible]	...	12.14	6.21
100	95[illegible]	Fund 6% 1993	99[illegible]	...	6.03	6.24
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 13¾% 1993	105[illegible]	...	12.98	6.24
102[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1994	102[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.31	6.19
110[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	13.35	6.27
110[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.44	6.32
105[illegible]	98[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.54	6.23
110[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	109[illegible] †	+[illegible]	11.45	6.35
104[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	6.30
111[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	110[illegible] †	+[illegible]	10.88	6.45
95[illegible]	88[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	95[illegible]	...	3.14	5.21
109[illegible]	99[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.45	6.50
119[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.04	6.60
119[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.79	6.97
125[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	123[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.34	7.04
119[illegible]	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.22	7.08
104[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 9% 1992-96	100[illegible] †	...	8.99	7.07
110[illegible]	98[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	110	+[illegible]	9.09	6.94
121[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	120[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.98	7.19
112[illegible]	100[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.38	7.07
107[illegible]	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.21	7.04
131[illegible]	117[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.53	7.38
111[illegible]	97[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.82	7.20
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
99[illegible]	86[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.82	6.99
137[illegible]	123[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	135[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.47	7.72
121[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.02	7.73
111[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.69	7.52
123[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.11	7.85
116[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.20	7.63
115[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.03	7.67
109[illegible]	94[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.41	7.48
128[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	126[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.28	8.18
113[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	111[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.99	8.02
128[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	126[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.06	7.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
113[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.03	8.44
120[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.74	8.39
69[illegible]	59[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.10	7.64
107[illegible]	95[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.90	8.57
109[illegible]	96[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.90	8.59
128[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.96	8.79
97[illegible]	85[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.39	8.61
122[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.81	8.74
100[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	8.72
135[illegible]	123[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.17	8.81
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.81	8.74
95[illegible]	85[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	8.81
103[illegible]	93[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.88	8.85
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Builders put four-point proposal to Chancellor

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION companies are proposing to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, a four-point package of measures, centred on a further reduction in interest rates to aid recovery.

The Construction Industry Employers Council, an umbrella body covering the five principal company associations in the UK construction and building materials industries, acknowledges the help given in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

But in a letter to Mr Lamont, Tony Jackson, the council's president, says that while the measures announced in the statement would maintain public sector construction activity in 1993, private sector work was likely to go on falling.

He says: "Additional incentives are required to rebuild private sector confidence if there is to be a recovery in this sector, which accounted for 65 per cent of total construction output in 1991."

The council, which claims its member bodies represent more than 32,000 construction and specialist companies, calls on the Chancellor to:

☐ Cut interest rates further, to rebuild confidence.

☐ Abolish stamp duty on land and buildings.

☐ Raise capital allowances.

☐ Cut VAT on renovating and altering housing.

Building companies say the government should resist calls to increase taxes. They argue that the weak economic recovery expected in 1993 indicates that in the March Budget the government should maintain its focus on non-inflationary growth.

Mr Jackson says: "Increased taxation to tackle the public sector borrowing requirement would destroy confidence and is likely to be self-defeating."

☐ London's economy shows no signs of recovery and the capital is suffering the worst job losses, according to a survey by the London Chamber of Commerce. The results are published today.

The government will today announce a further increase in unemployment nationally. City analysts predict that the increase will be more than 40,000, taking unemployment closer to 3 million.

The survey from the London chamber runs counter to the findings of the latest nationwide study from the British Chambers of Commerce, which is expected to show a return in business confidence and an improvement in UK exports after sterling's devaluation.

The London chamber says any signs that the economy is beginning to recover from recession have yet to become apparent in the capital.

The chamber's survey of more than 250 London companies indicates that confidence continues to be depressed by a decline in economic activity and further job losses.

Simon Sperryn, the chamber's chief executive, says the spectre of rising unemployment still haunts the region. "Hopes that consumer spending will revive the economy in the South East will not be realised while house prices are falling, unemployment is on an upward trend and earnings growth is slower."

The survey, covering the fourth quarter of 1992, suggests that short-term employment prospects in London are the worst in the country. Staff cuts were reported by 35 per cent of service companies and 39 per cent of manufacturers.

PETER TREVANOR



Room for improvement: Robert Feld, of Resort, who sees gearing improving if the County hotels deal succeeds

Resort Hotels books in better profits

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

RESORT Hotels has pushed up its pre-tax profit by 11 per cent to £3.25 million, in spite of what Richard Strong, the chairman, described as some of the worst trading the company had ever experienced.

In the six months to end-October, turnover rose 28 per cent to £9.76 million and earnings per share dipped to 2.8p compared with an adjusted 3.6p last time, largely reflecting the increased number of shares in issue after last year's £20.6 million cash call. The interim dividend is held at 1.2p. Mr Strong said that the recession continued to bite, and although most of the hotels increased their contribution "the rate of growth was not as great as we initially expected".

Resort recently announced the acquisition of Country Resort Hotels, and is negotiating to acquire County Resort Hotels. It will have 54 hotels in England and Wales if the latest deal goes through.

Recent additions to the chain have included the Hatton Court Hotel in Milton Keynes and the Aylesbury House Hotel and conference centre near Birmingham. The group also made its first move into the London hotel scene last autumn with a deal to manage the three-star Coburg Hotel in Bayswater Road.

During the first half, occupancy rates were held at last year's level of 60 per cent, and the average room rate is now £40 a night.

If the deal to buy County is finalised, gearing will increase from its current negligible level to 50 per cent. Mr Robert Feld, managing director, said: "We would be very comfortable with that. That is well below the average for the sector." At the moment, Resort has a near 50-50 split between its owned and managed hotels. However, it is looking to increase the managed proportion to about two thirds.

The group recently announced it had resolved a dispute with 3i, the venture capital group, over an agreement to subscribe for 800,000 new shares.

The venture group has agreed to subscribe for the shares as soon as Resort's share price stays at 57p or above for five days. The shares were trading yesterday at 41p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Invesco ends ownership worry for two years

INVESCO MIM, the UK fund management group, has removed any immediate uncertainty over its future ownership by reaching a two-year standstill agreement with its major shareholder, Peregrine Investments, the Hong Kong securities house. Invesco has also invited Philip Tose, Peregrine's chairman, to join the board as a non-executive director.

Peregrine, backed by Li Ka-shing, one of the colony's most powerful businessmen, has a 24.9 per cent stake in Invesco. Peregrine has now agreed not to increase its stake for two years or to make any share disposals without first liaising with Invesco. Michael Perman, Invesco's company secretary, said two years was considered "a reasonable period without tying people's hands too much". He did not rule out the possibility of more shares being bought once the agreement had ended.

Colorvision in the black

SUPPLIES of satellite systems dried up at Colorvision, the television and video store group, as it strove to meet demand. The shortage helped to limit pre-tax profit to £153,000 in the half year to September 30. (Losses of £545,000 previously included exceptional charges of £808,000 against accounting errors.) Interest receivable fell to £225,000 from £407,000. The interim dividend is cut to 2.5p from 3.1p, but Colorvision hopes to maintain the total payout at 5.6p. The year end is being changed to March 31.

Pubs face tough year

MORE pub closures are expected in what will be a tough 1993 for the brewing industry, says David Thompson, managing director of Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. The company is expecting beer consumption to drop 3 per cent this year, with pubs hit worse than the take-home trade. In the current year, barrelage at Wolves & Dudley was just ahead of last year, some of the advance coming from the take-home trade after repackaging and marketing of the company's brands. Food sales were up 26 per cent.

Advertising firms link

CIA, the British advertising specialist, is linking with Italy's MediaNetwork to form a Europewide group with accounts worth about £600 million. An agreement, announced yesterday, centres on CIA buying Blufin, MediaNetwork's parent, in exchange for shares in the enlarged group. Blufin shareholders would own about 10 per cent of the group but could increase that to 18 per cent, depending on future profitability. Marco Benatti, chairman and major shareholder of MediaNetwork, will join the CIA board.

Electron House ahead

ELECTRON House, distributor of electronic components, increased profits from £595,000 before tax to £854,000 in the six months to the end of November, helped by reduced borrowing costs after the disposal of the computer wholesaling business in August. Operating profits eased from £1.76 million to £1.59 million. Continuing businesses lifted profits to £1.42 million from £815,000. Earnings rose from 1.03p a share to 1.68p. The interim dividend rises from 1p a share to 1.05p.

Bols and Wessanen to merge

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BOLS, the drinks group of Blue Curaçao and Advokaat fame, is preparing to merge with Wessanen, the food group, in what appears to be a defensive alliance by two vulnerably small Dutch companies in sectors increasingly dominated by big players.

Bols is one of the few remaining independent European spirits groups. The merger would be on the basis of equality, through a share swap. Both groups had 1992 net profits of about 120 million guilders (£42 million), after double-digit profits growth.

Wessanen, whose main products include cheese and snacks, had a turnover of 3.9 billion guilders last year, while in Bols' higher margin business sales were 1.3 billion guilders. Both companies have only about 15 per cent of sales in their home market.

Analysts see little synergy in the merger, but the combined company's size is expected to improve chances of successful acquisitions and give more leverage in dealing with the retail sector.

On the Amsterdam stock exchange, Bols shares jumped 5.2 to 48 guilders, while Wessanen dropped by 5.5 to 98 guilders.

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Wembley warns of poor second half

BY OUR CITY STAFF

WEMBLEY, the leisure company, has surprised the stock market with a profits warning for the second half of 1992. The performance was likely to be worse than the £2.5 million earned in the first half of last year, the group said.

The directors are to review the level of the final dividend before the announcement of the results for 1992 as a whole. Shares in Wembley fell 2½p to 17p on the news.

Wembley, of which Sir Brian Wolfson is chairman, also announced yesterday that it is selling its 50 per cent stake in The Ticketing Group to Expedier Leisure, its joint venture partner, for £2.6 million. The joint venture was formed in October 1991 to combine the resources of Wembley Box Office and the Keith Prowse ticketing business with Expedier's First Call ticketing business.



Sir Brian: ticket sale

In the period to end-September, The Ticketing Group made a profit of £200,000. At the same time, it had net liabilities of more than £7 million. However, Wembley said yesterday that it believed greater value could be extracted if the venture were to have a single owner.

Expedier, which is to assume the name of The Ticketing Group to underline its new focus, is financing the deal through a vendor placing and open offer to raise £4.5 million.

Expedier has also agreed to repay certain inter-company debt owing to Wembley by The Ticketing Group, some of which will be used to subscribe for convertible unsecured loan stock in Expedier. As part of the complex deal, Expedier will also assume responsibility for certain liabilities currently guaranteed by Wembley.

Meanwhile, Expedier announced delayed interim results for the six months to June 30, 1992, showing pre-tax losses of £570,000, and a loss of 0.6p per share on sales of £3.38 million. The interim dividend is passed.

Names to reconsider success fee

BY SARAH BAGNALL

NAMES on the Gooda Walker action group are being asked to reconsider a proposal to pay committee members a success fee.

Last November, names threw out a proposal to pay such a fee, worth up to £9 million, to the committee for its work in trying to recover £600 million of losses incurred by 2,600 names on four Gooda Walker syndicates involved in the Lloyd's of London excess of loss market.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the action group, said the fee was being proposed again because discussions with names had revealed that they agreed with the idea of a fee — but had taken umbrage over the size and structure originally suggested.

A meeting, planned for February 16, will vote on a success fee and on the election of a committee of eight members instead of 12.

The decision to elect a new committee follows the action group's packed annual meeting last November at which Mr Doll-Steinberg came under fire for electing the committee without any input from names.

The plan is that the new committee will establish an independent remuneration committee, which will decide on a formula for the fee.

Russian-led venture will test Westland

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

WESTLAND, Britain's helicopter maker, faces a challenge to its ambition to dominate global sales of helicopters to the offshore oil industry at the beginning of the next century. Eurocopter, the world's second-largest helicopter company after America's Sikorsky, has joined a Russian venture to develop and sell a 30-seat rival to Westland's EH101.

Confirmation of the deal was accompanied by an announcement that Eurocopter, jointly owned by Aerospatiale of France and Germany's Dasa, is to shed 800 of its 12,000 employees this year. About 500 jobs will go in France and 300 in Germany, as Eurocopter adjusts to a downturn in sales.

The project to be developed by the Russians and their Franco-German partner will compete in exactly the market identified by Westland and its Italian partner, Agusta. Westland discussed joining the venture with the Russians but decided against it. However, Agusta — part of the state-controlled Finmeccanica holding company — and Westland believe they have a head start in the battle for the most profitable part of the civil helicopter market. "We have a nine-prototype aircraft already flying, whereas theirs is just a mock-up," said a Westland spokesman.

A new medium-sized helicopter is expected to replace the Sikorsky S61, the workhorse of the offshore oil industry, towards the end of the decade. The age of existing aircraft, and tightening safety requirements, are expected to push leading operators to seek a new aircraft.

The Anglo-Italian partners have designed the three-engined EH101 to form the basis of three aircraft: an anti-submarine warfare platform, a general purpose military machine, and a robust and economical helicopter to service offshore oil installations and even carry passengers on short hops into international airports.

The anti-submarine version has won endorsement from Canada, which has placed a £2.2 billion order for 50 aircraft; Britain has ordered 44 and an Italian contract for 16 is believed to be imminent. Civil versions are expected to go into service in 1996, by which time the helicopter will have completed more than 3,000 hours of flying and 6,000 hours of simulated in-service operation.

Three Russian manufacturers are to collaborate with Eurocopter: Mil Moscow Helicopter Plant, Kazan Helicopter Production Plant and Klimov Corporation. The Russians will develop the machine — to be known as the MI38 — and its engine. Eurocopter will be responsible for the cockpit, avionics and passenger accommodation, and for marketing the aircraft outside the Confederation of Independent States. Eurocopter is expected to invest almost £70 million in the programme. First examples of the helicopter are expected to be completed in 1999.

The Russian link with Eurocopter is the latest in a series of ties between the Russian aircraft industry, which is large and technically sophisticated, and western companies.

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Income	115.90	124.00	+0.50	4.68
Mngd P folio Inc	85.43	90.98	+0.52	2.29
-do- Acc	159.90	170.30	+0.90	...
North American	103.80	110.50	+0.90	0.20
Orient	91.76	98.74	+0.95	...
Recovery	33.18	35.67	+0.26	3.31
German	37.61	40.33	-0.16	0.10
Intl Growth	31.44	33.49	+0.26	0.23
European Inc	21.15	22.76	+0.11	0.50
Conv General	18.25	19.53	+0.11	7.90

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	59.92	63.75	+0.34	1.51
-do- Acc	66.81	71.08	+0.38	1.51
Income Fund 5	199.50	212.30	+1.20	4.27
-do- Acc	453.60	482.60	+2.70	4.27
Inv Portfolio	63.85	66.17	+0.48	2.43
-do- Acc	71.52	74.12	+0.53	2.43
Smaller Cos	107.00	113.90	+0.30	2.36
-do- Acc	128.60	136.90	+0.50	2.36
High Inc P folio	56.15	58.15	+0.30	5.03

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	68.31	69.23	+0.19	6.01

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	129.00	137.30	+0.60	1.77
UK Growth	136.90	145.70	+1.10	2.59
UK Income	115.60	123.00	+0.70	4.83

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	74.03	79.18	+0.95	1.18
Growth	42.78	45.51	+0.35	3.14
Income	49.49	52.66	+0.26	4.52
Far East	38.34	41.00	+0.43	0.36
North American	82.35	88.08	+0.99	0.01
Global	78.59	84.05	+0.73	0.67
European	62.05	66.36	+0.51	1.41
Japan	79.63	85.16	+0.79	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	55.31	58.62	+0.49	7.58
UK Cap Gwth	74.17	79.33	+0.46	2.41

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	125.30	133.20	+0.90	0.11
-do- Acc	133.20	141.60	+1.00	0.11
European	62.51	66.22	+0.76	1.07
-do- Acc	64.79	68.63	+0.78	1.07
Far East Gen	43.99	46.80	+0.22	...
-do- Acc	43.99	46.80	+0.22	...
Glentrust	225.40	239.80	+2.20	1.58
-do- Acc	253.20	269.40	+2.50	1.58
Growth	356.30	380.10	+1.70	2.66
-do- Acc	605.90	648.10	+3.00	2.66
Income Growth	346.50	368.70	+1.90	4.27
-do- Acc	460.50	489.90	+2.70	4.27
Master Portfolio	8912.0	9204.0	+46.00	3.15
-do- Acc	10281.0	10619.0	+54.00	3.15
Special Sits	81.31	86.51	+0.33	2.62
-do- Acc	95.18	101.26	+0.39	2.62
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1118.0	1153.0	+6.00	4.87
-do- Acc	1294.0	1335.0	+7.00	4.87

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	184.60	196.50	+1.70	1.86
Capital	502.20	535.90	+2.90	2.62
Eurotrack 100	122.40	130.30	-0.80	1.84
Euro Gth	74.50	79.30	+0.75	1.98
Far East Growth	72.99	77.49	+1.02	0.55
Global Bond	21.94	23.12	+0.13	6.87
Hong Kong	65.68	70.09	+1.39	0.72
Income	472.30	504.00	+3.00	4.53
Intl Growth	65.90	70.33	+0.67	1.23
Japan Growth	185.90	198.30	+2.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.68	25.27	+0.11	...
Japan Index	55.13	58.83	+0.63	0.34
Nth American	398.70	425.50	+2.50	1.05
S pore Mly Gth	46.46	49.58	+0.64	...
The Footsie Fd	102.80	108.50	+1.10	2.63
Tiger Index	127.40	135.90	+2.40	1.04
Triple Index	94.45	100.80	+0.40	3.18
UK Index	115.90	123.60	+1.00	3.49

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	78.73	84.05	+0.91	1.00
European P folio	67.14	71.36	+0.72	1.38
Japanese P folio	44.91	47.71	+0.35	...
Pacific P folio	80.94	87.04	+0.88	2.43
Cazenove P folio	64.82	69.33	+0.71	3.00
UK Income Gth	58.99	63.23	+0.48	5.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	60.26	63.43	-0.24	2.24
Beckman Intl	75.24	79.49	-1.37	5.03
Friars Hse Inc	166.78	178.45	-0.99	6.90
Friars Hse Cap	236.40	252.95	-0.25	2.94

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	102.37	108.90	+1.04	0.22
European Gth	86.61	92.14	+0.78	1.61
Far East Gth	85.32	90.77	+1.52	0.16
Japan Gth Acc	30.32	32.26	+0.32	...
Managed	57.39	61.05	+0.40	3.27
-do- Acc	69.30	73.72	+0.48	3.27
Mthly Inc Plus	45.42	48.32	+0.15	8.80
Smaller Cos	30.31	32.24	+0.22	2.55
-do- Acc	33.35	35.48	+0.24	2.55
UK General	65.06	69.21	+0.55	3.14
-do- Acc	78.00	82.98	+0.63	3.14
Wwide Bd	60.70	64.57	+0.50	6.05
-do- Acc	76.06	80.91	+0.62	6.05
Wwide Sp Sits	49.10	52.51	+0.45	0.28
-do- Acc	51.05	54.60	+0.48	0.28
Quilter General	117.30	124.79	+0.96	2.54
-do- Acc	129.11	137.35	+1.06	2.54
Quilter Income	84.95	90.37	+0.47	4.27
-do- Acc	104.69	111.37	+0.59	4.27
Quilter Intl	114.02	121.30	+0.99	0.35
-do- Acc	115.59	122.97	+1.00	0.35
Quilter UK Spec	65.40	69.57	+0.70	3.23
-do- Acc	86.52	92.04	+0.93	3.23
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	90.86	96.66	+0.67	2.30
Fixed Conv	38.63	41.10	+0.16	7.90
-do- Acc	99.07	105.39	+0.44	7.90
Equity Inc	133.41	141.93	-0.40	4.50
-do- Acc	421.15	448.03	-1.25	4.50
High Yield	108.74	115.68	+0.68	5.49
-do- Acc	408.98	432.96	+2.23	5.49
Preference	45.75	48.67	+0.86	8.25
-do- Acc	231.45	246.23	+4.41	8.25
PPT Europe	138.82	147.68	+1.07	0.76
PPT Global Bnd	78.14	83.13	+0.67	4.33
PPT Gold Com	42.15	44.84	+3.25	...
PPT Thai	54.77	58.27	+0.47	...
PPT Hong Kong	87.56	93.14	+2.02	...
PPT Japan	83.21	88.52	+0.84	...
PPT N Amer	141.04	150.04	+1.46	...
PPT S'pore Mly	90.79	96.59	+1.17	...
PPT UK	110.39	117.44	+1.02	1.66
PPT Cash	90.69	90.69	+0.02	6.32

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	67.92	72.25	+1.34	1.10
Japanese Acc	43.04	45.79	+0.42	...
UK Balncd Inc	118.50	126.10	+1.50	2.54
-do- Acc	138.30	147.10	+1.70	2.54
UK Growth Acc	197.20	209.80	+2.00	2.20
UK High Inc	124.50	132.40	+1.20	7.17
-do- Acc	147.00	156.40	+1.50	7.17
N America Acc	108.70	115.60	+1.30	0.34
European Acc	138.60	147.40	+1.40	0.47
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.22	62.84	+0.10	9.77
-do- Acc	94.30	100.30	+0.20	9.77
Intl Sp Sits Acc	42.26	44.96	+0.58	0.25
Environmntl Opp	68.75	73.14	+0.33	1.52

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	101.70	108.10	+1.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	166.70	177.10	-0.30	1.41
Eurofund	35.18	37.18	+0.31	1.08
Mngd Exempt	156.40	163.00	-0.40	3.22
Growth Inc	206.60	218.50	+2.10	4.12
High Dist	130.00	138.10	+0.90	6.26
International	297.70	316.30	+3.10	1.03
Intl Income	74.86	79.91	+0.67	3.25
Pacific	51.37	54.58	+0.89	0.55
Smllr Jap Cos	49.67	52.77	+0.48	...
Tokyo	148.00	157.30	+2.10	...
Japan Exempt	82.06	84.31	-0.59	0.59
Em Jap Exempt	407.70	418.90	...	0.12

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	156.60	166.50	+1.40	1.26

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	99.93	105.19	+0.55	3.89
High Income	112.66	118.59	+0.75	5.32
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.74	134.46	+0.37	2.85
Special Sits	79.01	83.17	+0.70	3.53
North American	103.35	108.79	+1.12	1.08
Far Eastern	192.83	202.98	+2.62	1.57
Intl Growth	82.19	86.52	+1.31	1.62
European	59.38	62.51	+0.51	2.19
Smaller Cos	64.66	68.06	+0.46	2.60

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414191

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	209.30	220.70	+2.70	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.60
European Tst	101.20	107.70	+1.30	...

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	85.66	90.73	+0.84	0.72
Far Eastern	105.60	113.20	+0.90	...
Oseas Income	80.23	85.92	+0.59	2.91
UK Growth	87.80	93.90	+0.64	1.42
UK Income	95.65	102.30	+1.00	4.13
US Smaller Cos	212.70	227.90	+3.40	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	414.50	443.20	+6.30	...
-do- Acc	423.40	452.70	+6.30	...
Capital	268.70	285.80	+0.70	2.45
-do- Acc	371.00	394.60	+1.10	2.45
Contl Smllr Cos	42.69	46.09	+0.57	1.39
-do- Acc	44.17	47.69	+0.59	1.39
Convertible	101.20	107.60	-3.40	6.74
-do- Acc	187.40	199.30	-6.20	6.74
European	90.87	97.16	+1.10	0.99
-do- Acc	93.90	100.40	+1.14	0.99
Extra Income	264.20	281.00	+1.90	4.83
-do- Acc	369.90	393.40	+2.70	4.83
Financial	97.03	104.40	+2.90	0.86
-do- Acc	101.00	108.70	+3.00	0.86
Health Fund Inc	127.60	136.30	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	127.60	136.30	+1.70	...
Income Tst	164.50	174.90	+1.20	4.53
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90	+1.80	4.53
Intl Growth	290.80	310.40	+4.20	...
-do- Acc	323.00	344.70	+4.70	...
Japan Gen	124.10	132.90	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	125.40	134.20	+1.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	85.49	89.98	-0.69	1.87
-do- Acc	88.28	92.92	+0.72	1.87
Monthly Income	134.20	142.70	+0.60	4.92
Recovery	269.20	287.80	+3.40	0.76
-do- Acc	314.40	336.20	+4.10	0.76
Gilt Gth Tst	59.61	61.47	+0.14	7.28
-do- Acc	74.83	77.16	+0.16	7.28

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	331.40	352.55	+3.43	3.12
-do- Acc	669.13	711.84	+6.93	3.12
Euro Gth Dist	96.21	102.35	+0.85	1.13
-do- Acc	99.08	105.40	+0.87	1.13
Fixed Int Dist	126.98	134.31	+0.19	6.54
-do- Acc	210.76	222.93	-0.31	6.54
Intl Gth Dist	67.76	72.08	+0.61	0.84
-do- Acc	70.09	74.56	+0.63	0.84
Nth Amer Dist	158.13	167.65	+1.43	0.70
-do- Acc	171.36	181.68	+1.55	0.70
Pac Basin Dist	197.39	209.88	+2.23	0.39
-do- Acc	200.42	213.21	+2.26	0.38
Stewardship Dist	277.52	295.23	+1.93	2.05
-do- Acc	328.33	349.29	+2.29	2.05
Stwd Inc Dist	57.13	60.78	+0.08	4.37
-do- Acc	69.66	74.11	+0.10	4.37
N Am Stwd Dist	89.16	94.85	+0.33	0.03
-do- Acc	94.39	100.41	+0.36	0.03

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	141.40	151.30	+1.80	...
European	370.70	393.10	+4.30	0.98
Far East General	178.50	189.80	+2.80	0.34
Germany	88.85	94.08	+0.69	0.43
Global Assets In	61.25	65.51	+0.41	2.29
Global Assets Ac	64.17	68.64	+0.43	2.26
Income	101.20	108.30	+0.70	7.31
International	229.60	245.60	+3.20	1.02
Intl Income	69.84	74.33	+0.72	4.82
Japan General	276.50	293.80	+3.50	...
Smlr Cos Div	43.07	46.07	+0.16	6.11
UK Capital Inc	144.30	154.40	+1.10	4.11
-do- Acc	244.60	261.70	+1.80	4.04
Uk Spec Sits	65.89	70.48	+0.63	1.61
US General	104.80	111.60	+1.90	0.11
W'wide Spec Sits	106.90	114.40	+1.20	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AL. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.25	44.10	+0.25	1.32
Cash Trust*	126.93	126.93	+0.02	6.85
Pract Inv Inc	94.75	101.61	+0.35	4.24
-do- Acc	202.39	216.95	+0.52	4.24
UK Smaller Cos	90.14	96.66	-0.22	3.06
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.43	25.06	+0.03	8.90
High Inc	28.77	30.77	-0.11	5.78
UK Equity Inc	118.77	127.03	+0.44	4.75
Intl Fxd Int	28.26	29.31	+0.24	5.42
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.10	60.16	+0.06	1.94
Frontier Markets	37.91	40.65	+0.53	0.37
Global Inc Gth	111.54	119.10	+0.96	2.85
UK Intl	104.24	111.49	+1.14	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	121.11	129.33	-0.80	0.59
European	75.45	81.08	+0.86	1.00
Euro Sel Opps	87.78	93.36	+1.13	1.27
American Emerg	73.00	78.28	+1.63	...
Hong Kong	95.48	102.39	+1.38	2.14
Japan	148.31	157.83	+1.64	...
Pacific Growth	129.23	138.58	+2.45	0.64

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	110.00	117.65	+0.78	0.95
American Gth	112.81	120.66	+1.44	0.35
European Gth	62.80	67.17	+0.59	0.92
German Horizn	43.78	46.71	+0.27	0.92
Japan Gth	56.39	60.30	+0.55	...
Pacific Inc	114.19	122.13	+2.73	3.22
Pacific Strategy	92.16	98.55	+1.03	...
UK Prog Inc	67.91	72.63	-0.24	6.11
Gt British Cos	45.67	48.85	+0.39	2.60
UK Small Cos	40.15	42.94	+0.31	2.60

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	129.60	129.60	...	6.96
Gilt Fixed	116.20	123.20	+0.10	6.82
Growth Equity	274.49	293.10	+2.70	2.32
Guardhill	402.80	430.30	+3.30	2.56
Income Trust	97.44	104.10	+0.70	4.80
International	138.20	147.80	+0.70	0.27
Japan Trust	91.95	98.23	+0.57	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	238.40	254.60	+1.80	0.46
Pacific	295.80	316.00	+2.60	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	308.30	329.30	+1.10	0.45

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1BW. 0800 838866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	32.33	34.28	+0.10	1.95
-do- Acc	33.70	35.73	+0.10	1.95
Inc Adv Inc	27.42	29.07	+0.20	4.63
-do- Acc	28.27	29.97	+0.20	4.63

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	59.30	63.52	+0.31	0.68
Equity Income	104.20	110.90	+1.00	3.99
European	125.80	133.00	-0.30	1.55
Intl Situation	66.56	70.81	+0.65	...
Japanese	101.10	107.90	+0.80	...
North American	97.04	103.00	-1.30	0.07
Scandinavian	98.27	103.90	+0.90	0.60
Smaller Cos	27.41	29.16	+0.05	2.74

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XF. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 264772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	87.23	93.28	+1.34	...
Asian Enterprise	106.63	114.42	+1.33	1.11
Australian	112.16	119.89	+0.07	1.45
European	329.99	349.59	+2.48	1.21
European Inc	64.06	67.80	+0.74	3.09
Euro Sml Co	109.59	116.95	+0.82	1.22
Extra Income	238.76	254.18	+0.99	5.48
Family of Funds	62.83	67.07	-0.17	1.64
Fixed Interest	53.86	57.62	+0.02	8.91
Global Resour	69.95	75.08	+0.45	1.78
High Inc	255.45	273.07	+1.06	4.95
Income Gth	217.64	231.78	+1.63	4.07
-do- Acc	547.69	583.28	+4.10	4.07
International	205.50	218.59	+2.17	1.04
Japan Spc Sit	167.88	178.50	+1.90	...
Japan	144.05	153.13	+1.47	...
N Amer	219.23	233.36	+2.05	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	143.50	154.08	+0.84	1.46
Pref Gth	44.49	48.35	+0.18	9.39
Smaller Cos Div	146.74	159.93	-0.59	4.66
Special Sits	238.19	254.85	+1.76	1.68
-do- Acc	364.79	390.31	+2.70	1.68
Best of British	52.01	55.60	+0.49	2.52
Spirit of the East	48.01	51.23	+0.94	0.71

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	83.84	89.66	-1.46	2.72
Capital	143.70	153.60	-1.10	2.56
Dollar	287.80	307.80	+2.40	0.27
European	177.30	189.60	+2.30	0.80
Far East	200.60	214.50	+3.00	0.86
Financial	595.00	636.30	+9.10	2.89
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	24.82	25.78	+0.06	8.99
High Yield	91.80	98.18	+1.06	5.59
Income	122.70	131.20	+1.30	4.17
Intl	189.40	202.50	-1.70	0.53
Japan Tech	50.12	53.60	+0.57	...
Nat Resources	48.45	51.81	+0.40	0.64
Security	278.30	297.60	-2.60	2.60
Smaller Cos	99.49	106.40	+0.20	2.01
Special Sits	124.60	133.20	+0.80	2.71
US Smaller Cos	68.97	73.76	+0.60	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	230.10	242.20	+2.40	1.49
Capital Gwth	97.84	103.00	...	2.61
Inv Trusts	111.30	117.20	...	0.82

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.74	22.17	+0.11	2.13
Special Features	25.17	26.74	+0.30	1.83
-do- Acc	29.52	31.36	+0.34	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.50	53.04	+0.52	2.74
Assets Earnings	66.21	70.34	+0.58	2.22
do Acc	77.94	82.81	+0.69	2.20
Managed Invest	75.54	80.75	+0.79	1.44
Rupert Children	71.84	76.73	+0.73	1.88
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.37	51.37	+0.01	5.86
Extra Inc	72.40	77.83	+0.66	5.08
Gilt	26.86	28.28	+0.07	7.36
Income Gth	35.70	38.20	+0.15	3.72
MIMstar	74.48	76.46	-0.17	8.85
Preference	17.21	18.28	+0.09	7.36
UK Income	281.90	301.70	+1.00	3.81
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	48.78	51.82	+0.62	1.99
Property Shares	50.68	53.84	+0.24	2.61
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	130.90	137.70	+0.90	3.77
European Acc	102.30	108.20	+0.90	2.11
European Dist	97.25	103.00	+0.80	2.11
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.66	49.63	+0.51	1.03
European Perf	96.87	102.70	+1.30	1.35
-do- Acc	98.68	104.60	+1.30	1.35
Euro Small Cos	18.23	19.40	+0.29	1.02
French Growth	62.15	65.82	-0.57	0.80
-do- Acc	65.71	69.59	-0.61	0.80
Hong K/China	57.25	61.36	+1.17	1.85
Intl Growth	44.98	47.79	+0.38	0.91
-do- Acc	44.98	47.79	+0.38	1.11
Japan Perf	23.57	25.02	+0.34	...
Accum Units	23.57	25.02	+0.34	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.51	27.07	+0.36	...
Singapore Asean	62.33	67.54	+0.76	0.73
-do- Acc	62.72	67.96	+0.76	0.73
South East Asia	188.40	203.10	+2.80	1.04
US Smllr Cos	103.80	110.30	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	104.90	111.40	+1.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	74.44	79.26	+0.65	3.00
Intl Bond	54.73	55.46	+0.51	6.63

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.42	68.76	...	6.38
Extra Income	48.80	51.91	+0.33	7.42
Gilt Yield	116.20	122.80	+0.50	6.33
Global Income	179.10	190.50	+1.80	4.49
High Yield	122.00	129.80	+0.60	6.73
Smllr Cos Div	39.76	42.30	+0.41	6.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.64	92.17	+0.81	...
North American	72.33	76.95	+1.24	0.25
European	120.30	128.00	+0.80	0.93
Euro Special	71.53	76.10	+0.62	1.09
General	252.30	268.40	+1.60	3.59
Japan	288.90	307.30	+2.90	...
Japanese Special	155.80	165.50	+2.20	...
Master Acc	199.20	211.90	+1.30	1.56
Pacific	218.20	232.10	+3.60	0.80
Smaller Cos	87.35	92.93	-2.69	2.49
UK Equity Gth	32.15	34.20	+0.07	2.89

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	66.90	71.17	+0.47	0.96
Extra Income	22.84	24.30	+0.48	3.91
Far East	21.02	22.36	+0.29	0.97
Income Gwth	68.80	73.26	+1.36	3.10
Intl Growth	45.36	48.26	+0.45	1.01
Japan	46.26	49.21	+0.50	...
Maximum Dist*	99.61	101.60	...	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.03	39.39	-0.02	0.47
UK Equity	80.96	86.13	+0.88	2.48

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	49.93	53.12	+0.51	5.01

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	400.70	426.30	+3.80	3.09
Equity Acc	754.60	802.80	+7.20	3.09
Equity Income	84.15	89.52	+0.59	5.48
European	87.66	93.26	+0.95	1.77
Far Eastern	143.10	152.20	-1.80	0.38
Fixed Interest	48.42	51.51	+0.01	8.00
Gilt	88.10	93.43	+0.14	6.80
Global Growth	56.40	60.06	+0.71	1.13
Intl Bond	53.84	57.28	+0.60	5.40
Japanese	49.59	52.76	+0.83	...
Overseas Equity	83.66	89.00	+1.20	0.93
Pacific Gth	70.81	75.33	+0.98	1.59
North American	129.40	137.70	+1.30	1.23
UK Recovery	70.32	74.81	+0.45	2.79
UK Smllr Cos	92.77	98.69	-0.04	2.14
Worldwide	68.97	73.37	+0.54	2.81

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	294.60	313.50	+2.90	3.23
-do- Acc	637.80	678.60	+6.30	3.23
Contl Euro Gth	46.99	49.97	+0.47	1.61
-do- Acc	49.70	52.32	+0.49	1.61
Extra Inc	222.80	237.10	+5.10	4.35
-do- Acc	542.00	576.60	+12.60	4.35
German Gth	91.23	96.04	+0.45	0.38
-do- Acc	95.68	100.80	+0.50	0.38
Income	418.60	445.40	+2.70	4.05
-do- Acc	1061.0	1129.0	+7.00	4.05
Japan Growth	68.63	73.02	-1.13	0.01
-do- Acc	68.87	73.27	-1.13	0.01
Master Trust	48.18	51.26	-0.01	1.51
-do- Acc	52.40	55.75	-0.01	1.51
N American Gen	178.60	190.10	-1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	206.70	219.90	-1.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	133.10	141.60	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	135.80	144.50	+1.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	177.70	189.10	+5.80	0.55
-do- Acc	187.00	199.00	+6.20	0.55
Small Cos Rec	273.90	288.40	-9.40	2.62
-do- Acc	353.30	371.90	-12.30	2.62
UK Growth	74.70	79.47	+2.08	2.45
-do- Acc	87.10	92.67	+2.44	2.45
Worldwide Gth	250.50	266.50	+2.80	0.32
-do- Acc	369.10	392.70	+4.20	0.32

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	72.99	78.32	+0.67	3.20
Income	54.71	58.70	+0.55	6.50
International	50.34	54.01	+0.36	0.90
American	56.95	61.10	+0.44	0.40
Japan	36.23	38.87	+0.31	...
Tst of Inv Truster	48.39	51.88	+0.17	2.20

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	364.50	385.30	+0.40	0.84
-do- Acc	448.80	474.40	+0.50	0.84
American Rec	368.00	389.20	+0.30	0.67
-do- Acc	421.00	445.30	+0.40	0.67
Am Sm Co Acc	114.20	120.70	-0.20	...
Australia Acc	116.10	122.70	-1.30	1.96
Capital	569.50	602.20	+2.30	3.53
-do- Acc	620.10	655.70	+2.50	3.53
Commodity Acc	332.90	352.00	+1.00	1.72
Compnd Gth	745.50	788.40	+4.10	3.59
Dividend	31.00	33.20	+0.30	5.01
-do- Acc	120.60	129.10	+0.90	5.01
Equity Inc	256.40	274.40	+1.80	6.26
European Div	52.50	56.10	+0.70	5.23
-do- Acc	59.30	63.40	+0.80	5.23
European Gen	344.50	364.30	+2.70	1.85
-do- Acc	430.30	455.00	+3.30	1.85
Extra Yield	326.00	348.80	+3.60	5.36
-do- Acc	936.90	1002.4	+10.50	5.36
Far Eastern	231.10	244.40	+2.20	1.61
-do- Acc	303.10	320.60	+2.90	1.61
Fund of Inv	435.90	461.00	+1.00	2.79
-do- Acc	786.50	831.80	+1.80	2.79
General	48.20	51.00	+0.10	4.28
-do- Acc	127.10	134.50	+0.50	4.28
Gilt Fxd Int	60.40	60.40	+0.10	9.29
do Acc	146.90	147.00	+0.30	9.29
Gold	29.40	31.10	+0.90	2.30
-do- Acc	34.30	36.30	+0.50	2.70
High Inc	21.60	22.80	+0.20	5.65
-do- Acc	79.60	84.10	+0.50	5.65
Intl Growth	60.50	64.30	+0.20	1.19
-do- Acc	104.20	110.80	+0.30	1.19
Intl Inc	80.20	85.40	+0.80	5.57
Japan Gen Acc	36.30	38.30	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	103.50	109.40	+0.40	0.10
Midland	45.00	47.60	+0.20	5.10
-do- Acc	142.30	150.50	+0.60	5.10
Recovery	31.70	33.90	+0.10	3.74
-do- Acc	49.90	53.30	+0.20	3.74
Second Gen	52.90	55.90	...	4.33
-do- Acc	129.40	136.80	...	4.33
Smaller Cos	52.70	55.70	+0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	98.20	103.80	+0.20	4.16
Trustee	34.00	36.00	...	4.70
Charibond 3	1109.39	...	-0.30	9.85
Charifund 2	569.90	575.60	+3.20	5.63
Pension ex 1	789.50	809.30	+1.30	4.92
NAACIF Inc 3	143.75	...	...	8.34
-do- Acc 3	11005.5	...	...	8.34

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	124.00	132.60	+0.84	2.71
-do- Acc	137.70	147.20	+0.84	2.71
UK Income	101.80	108.80	+0.74	3.30
-do- Acc	113.50	121.40	+0.74	3.30

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	68.81	73.59	+0.49	0.68
Far East (Pacific)	107.80	114.40	+0.80	0.50
Income Growth	66.88	70.99	+0.03	3.89
European	59.90	63.58	+0.20	2.17
Nth American	52.93	56.18	+0.13	1.29
UK Growth	71.02	75.39	+0.10	1.63
Intl Growth	79.43	84.32	+0.36	0.65
Charities	100.70	106.80	+0.10	4.69
Intl Income	59.09	62.72	+0.42	4.39
Japan	36.80	39.06	+0.24	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	181.90	192.90	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	194.40	206.30	+2.30	...
Cash	101.50	101.50	...	6.89
-do- Acc	127.40	127.40	...	6.89
European Gth	178.20	189.40	+2.10	0.37
-do- Acc	190.80	202.70	+2.20	0.37
General	433.90	462.40	+4.20	2.77
-do- Acc	812.50	866.70	+7.60	2.77
Global Dist	127.60	134.00	+0.80	5.51
-do- Acc	139.80	146.80	+0.80	5.51
Income	128.80	137.40	+1.10	5.30
-do- Acc	185.30	197.60	+1.50	5.30
International	333.10	354.40	+1.90	1.17
-do- Acc	442.20	470.50	+2.50	1.17
Japan	135.60	143.90	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	139.30	147.70	+1.40	...
New Europe	123.30	131.60	+0.80	1.52
-do- Acc	123.30	131.60	+0.80	1.52
Recovery	260.40	277.80	+0.70	3.44
-do- Acc	325.40	347.10	+0.90	3.44
European Inc	69.03	73.05	+0.78	3.27
-do- Acc	87.57	92.68	+1.00	3.21
Brit Blue Chip	67.83	72.26	+0.73	3.69
-do- Acc	79.43	84.61	+0.87	3.69
Portfolio	68.70	73.10	+0.62	3.30
-do- Acc	76.98	81.91	+0.70	3.30
Gold General	47.63	50.81	+0.45	4.78
-do- Acc	48.29	51.51	+0.45	4.78
Pacific	78.17	83.39	+1.60	0.60
-do- Acc	82.64	88.15	+1.70	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	45.42	48.45	+0.10	1.84
-do- Acc	50.50	53.87	+0.17	1.84

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	54.50	58.29	+0.35	3.81
-do- Acc	54.50	58.29	+0.35	3.81
British Dist	73.75	78.89	+0.58	2.51
-do- Acc	81.47	87.13	+0.64	2.51
European Gth	153.00	163.20	+1.30	0.37
-do- Acc	192.60	206.00	+1.70	0.37
Extra High Inc	63.29	66.80	+0.36	7.14
-do- Acc	110.00	117.60	+0.20	7.14
Gilt Fixed Int	55.02	57.34	+0.19	7.24
-do- Acc	142.80	148.80	+0.50	7.24
High Yield	198.90	212.70	+1.00	5.57
-do- Acc	456.40	488.10	+2.30	5.57
Income	256.00	273.80	+1.60	4.34
-do- Acc	525.60	561.10	+3.40	4.34
Japan Gth	241.70	258.40	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	255.10	272.80	+3.20	...
Mandarin Acc	81.45	87.17	+1.04	1.43
North American	185.20	186.00	+1.00	0.79
-do- Acc	195.10	208.70	+1.20	0.79

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	240.00	255.60	+1.50	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16	+0.02	7.24
Deposit Acc	120.94	120.94	+0.01	7.24
Euro Gth Acc	221.00	246.90	+3.90	...
Europa	105.20	113.20	+1.60	...
Intl Gth	145.90	155.80	+1.50	...
Japan Tracker	52.69	56.82	+0.49	...
UK Equity Inc	131.90	142.10	+0.50	5.52
-do- Acc	158.80	171.10	+0.60	5.52
UK Ind Tracker	133.70	143.20	+1.30	3.69
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.70	192.10	+1.20	1.39
-do- Acc	189.10	202.10	+1.20	1.39
Asian Trader	124.50	135.10	+2.20	1.14

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	163.20	166.80	+1.40	2.65
European	55.62	56.93	+0.36	1.33
Olympiad	48.21	49.40	+0.53	0.82
Global Bond	45.78	46.31	+0.08	7.09
Smaller Cos	55.49	58.00	...	1.87
Equity Income	86.13	88.60	+0.62	5.32
UK Growth	78.59	81.19	+0.72	1.84

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387738

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	44.86	47.86	+0.47	0.75
Australian Acc	245.00	262.80	+0.10	...
Conscience	58.84	62.79	+0.23	1.47
-do- Acc	63.15	67.39	+0.26	1.47
European	154.90	165.30	+1.30	1.31
-do- Acc	165.30	176.30	+1.30	1.31
Extra Income	68.52	73.12	+0.39	6.23
-do- Acc	102.50	109.30	+0.50	6.23
Far East Gth	128.90	137.30	+2.00	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.15	60.49	+0.20	7.62
Gold	24.29	26.11	+0.67	...
-do- Acc	26.16	28.12	+0.73	...
Income	47.93	51.12	+0.33	5.58
-do- Acc	143.70	153.20	+1.00	5.58
International	26.33	28.25	+0.38	0.96
-do- Acc	37.84	40.60	+0.51	0.96
Jap Sm Cos Acc	225.70	240.70	+1.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	135.60	145.40	+2.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.36	24.04	+0.43	2.00
Special Sits	29.76	32.00	+0.21	1.91
-do- Acc	33.96	36.51	+0.22	1.91
Tokyo	58.97	62.90	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	59.57	63.54	+0.46	...
US Smllr Co Acc	100.90	102.90	-0.70	...
UK Equity	150.20	160.20	+1.40	3.13
-do- Acc	278.40	296.90	+2.70	3.13

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	63.57	67.63	+0.44	3.07
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.32	76.53	+0.59	7.12
N&P Higher Inc	166.50	176.70	+1.10	5.52
N&P UK Income	91.62	97.09	+0.52	4.47
N&P Intl	78.78	84.72	+0.76	2.37
N&P Smaller Cos	63.87	68.32	+0.18	2.01

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	148.77	158.27	+2.68	2.91
Global	240.28	255.62	+2.34	1.21
Income	183.06	194.75	+0.92	4.19
Intl Bond	119.00	126.60	+1.07	7.31

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	128.90	135.70	+1.20	3.02
-do- Acc	223.30	235.00	+2.10	3.02
Income	199.70	212.40	+1.70	4.11
Intl Equity	190.90	203.10	+1.80	1.26
-do- Acc	209.00	222.30	+2.00	1.26
Equity	202.10	215.00	+2.10	2.81
-do- Acc	409.80	435.90	+4.20	2.81
UK Intl 25 Acc	62.87	66.87	-0.62	2.25
UK Income	54.52	57.99	+0.38	3.58
UK Smllr Co Acc	62.31	66.28	-0.22	2.12
New Europe Acc	57.13	60.77	+0.62	1.67

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	76.01	81.30	+1.40	0.26
PEP Gth Inc	88.01	94.13	+0.87	1.28
Intl Gth	417.21	446.22	+3.79	1.44
Income	260.63	278.75	+1.96	4.50
W wide Recov	256.01	273.81	+3.12	1.83
American Gth	189.66	202.85	+1.42	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	155.45	166.26	+1.00	0.25
Far East Gth	159.85	170.97	+2.09	0.39
European Gth	101.17	108.21	+0.89	1.26
UK Growth	67.89	72.61	+0.35	3.21
High Income	71.34	76.30	+0.59	5.36
Japanese Gth	145.74	155.31	+1.02	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	153.70	163.50	+1.70	1.06
High Income	99.54	105.90	+1.90	4.15
Conv Gilt	103.30	109.90	-0.20	6.80
Far East	257.10	273.50	+1.80	0.14

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	47.27	50.29	+0.51	0.58
Emerging Mkts	52.91	56.29	+1.14	0.26
General	44.68	47.53	+0.50	3.60
International	75.06	79.86	+0.78	1.43
Gilt Units	24.88	25.65	+0.07	8.20
Global PEP	32.69	34.78	+0.46	2.24
Income Gth	57.87	61.56	+0.55	5.71
European	39.48	42.00	+0.40	1.26
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.46	26.02	+0.11	6.40

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/64 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Prioritaire 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.86	28.72	+0.29	1.95
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.59	101.59	+0.01	6.35
-do- Acc	105.57	105.57	+0.01	6.35
Pru Equity	620.36	663.48	+5.72	2.82
Pru Equity Inc	74.39	79.56	+0.32	4.55
Pru European	156.72	167.61	+2.18	2.01
Pru Global Gth	71.32	76.27	+0.83	1.68
Pru High Inc	79.43	84.95	+0.47	5.75
Pru Intl	137.85	147.43	+1.83	1.47
Pru Intl Sm Co	59.08	63.18	+0.65	1.02
Pru Japanese	128.32	137.26	+2.11	...
Pru Nth Amer	132.61	141.82	+1.84	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkts	63.52	67.93	+1.06	2.07
Pru Prefer Inc	47.82	49.79	+0.07	7.69
Pru Smllr Cos	73.96	79.10	+0.13	2.65
Pru Spec Sits	91.41	97.76	+0.77	2.73
Pru UK Growth	108.34	130.82	+0.96	2.62

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2081/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	143.16	154.17	+0.90	4.02
Japan	195.63	209.62	+2.23	...
Major UK Cos	88.26	95.13	+0.99	2.80
America Income	437.07	468.84	+5.36	0.70
-do- Acc	507.66	544.56	+6.22	0.70
Smllr UK Cos	290.85	251.80	-0.28	2.13
Smllr European	225.94	240.87	+2.58	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	66.13	70.35	+0.13	4.04
Capital Units	128.90	137.10	+0.80	1.70
Commodity	82.20	87.44	+0.71	1.30
European Gth	136.90	145.20	+1.20	1.20
Financial Sec	151.20	160.80	+2.20	2.35
High Return	196.10	208.60	+1.20	5.21
High Yield	193.00	205.30	+1.00	4.51
Income Units	99.17	105.50	-0.90	6.86
Investment	150.50	160.10	+1.00	1.85
Japan Gth	100.90	107.30	+0.90	...
Japan Smaller	139.30	148.10	+0.70	...
Masterfund	40.85	43.45	+0.24	1.34
Scotbits	220.20	234.20	+3.30	2.36
Scotshares	232.90	247.30	+0.30	4.22
Scotyields	211.40	224.80	+1.40	4.40
Select Intl	114.40	121.70	-0.60	0.76
Smaller Cos	197.30	209.70	-0.10	4.89
Special Situation	100.40	106.80	+0.90	0.89
UK Equity	206.00	219.10	+1.20	2.95
US Growth	130.10	138.40	-0.10	0.37

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	228.50	243.73	+2.58	0.61
-do- Acc	246.86	263.31	+2.79	0.61
Australian	110.69	118.06	+0.30	0.30
-do- Acc	129.38	137.90	+0.35	0.30
UK Enterprise	185.06	197.39	+2.21	3.92
-do- Acc	213.75	228.00	+2.55	3.92
European Gth	56.92	60.71	+0.58	1.36
-do- Acc	58.92	62.84	+0.59	1.35
Euro Smllr Cos	50.85	54.23	+0.55	0.77
-do- Acc	51.19	54.60	+0.55	0.77
Far Eastern Gth	57.58	61.41	+1.05	...
-do- Acc	58.50	62.40	+1.07	...
Fixed Interest	51.46	54.25	-0.21	7.06
-do- Acc	61.65	64.99	-0.25	7.06
Gilt Income	101.05	106.50	+0.48	8.80
-do- Acc	136.82	143.99	+0.64	8.80
Income	277.50	296.00	+2.25	4.50
-do- Acc	803.78	857.38	+6.52	4.50
Japan Enterprise	47.34	50.49	+0.59	...
-do- Acc	47.34	50.49	+0.57	...
Japan Smllr Cos	300.38	320.40	+3.02	...
-do- Acc	300.98	321.04	+3.03	...
Pacific Gth	74.84	79.82	+1.25	0.86
-do- Acc	76.65	81.75	+1.28	0.86
Smaller Cos	166.23	177.31	+0.31	1.73
-do- Acc	190.51	203.20	+0.35	1.73
Tokyo	76.46	81.55	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	77.23	82.38	+0.88	...
UK Equity	188.22	200.76	+1.64	3.41
-do- Acc	348.53	371.76	+3.02	3.41
US Smllr Cos	119.01	126.94	+1.86	...
-do- Acc	119.01	126.94	+1.86	...
World Fd	64.33	68.61	+0.54	1.91
-do- Acc	67.30	71.78	+0.56	1.91

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	38.57	41.08	+0.39	5.23
Equity Strategy	57.69	61.44	+0.75	2.69
European Opps	65.46	69.77	+0.38	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.37	103.01	+0.01	6.21
UK Smaller Cos	44.74	47.65	+0.13	3.80

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	322.40	344.80	+3.20	3.27
American	225.40	240.90	+2.00	0.94
Pacific	256.80	274.70	+3.40	0.95
European	409.50	438.00	+4.40	1.36
Worldwide	72.19	77.21	+0.70	1.82

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	286.20	304.50	+2.80	3.10
UK Sm Cos Eqty	181.70	193.40	+0.30	3.19
European	300.90	320.20	+3.40	1.80
North American	237.60	252.80	+2.00	0.53
Income Plus Inc	59.41	63.21	+0.73	4.10
UK Spec Sits	61.88	65.84	+0.73	2.79

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	23.54	25.19	+0.23	3.52
Intl Growth Acc	24.94	26.69	+0.34	1.33
Global Inc Acc	28.71	30.73	+0.21	4.20
Market Ldrs Acc	24.11	25.81	+0.25	3.51

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	79.03	84.52	+1.00	...
Euro Spec Sits	39.56	42.02	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	41.88	44.49	+0.39	...
Far East Opps	26.96	29.06	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	27.30	29.86	+0.46	...
General Growth	93.07	100.00	+0.90	...
Global Tech	119.10	128.40	+2.40	...
Income Growth	92.15	99.34	+0.55	4.16
Income Monthly	53.81	57.55	+0.11	5.45
Japan Growth	58.61	62.32	+0.57	...
Overseas Gth	66.60	70.87	+0.74	...
Smaller Cos	64.85	69.73	-0.01	2.05
Special Opps	87.46	94.04	+0.73	2.25
Wld Spec Sits	40.38	43.47	+0.44	...
-do- Acc	40.48	43.57	+0.44	...

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	40.35	42.88	+0.10	1.91
Equity Gth Acc	56.14	59.65	...	1.16
UK Eq General	39.75	42.24	+0.30	2.57
-do- Acc	52.16	55.42	+0.30	2.57
European Acc	37.78	40.15	+0.10	0.41
Far East Acc	42.35	45.00	...	1.00
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.30	30.99	-0.10	6.91
N American Acc	41.86	44.48	+0.10	1.71
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	232.00	251.80	+0.30	4.27
UK Eq High Inc	32.63	34.67	+0.30	4.27
-do- Acc	38.22	40.61	+1.01	4.09
UK Lgr Cos Inc	273.40	296.70	+1.30	4.09
UK Lgr Cos Acc	361.70	381.60	...	...

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	NZ$3.27	NZ$3.47	...	1.10
US Eq	$1.906	$2.025	...	0.90
Far East Eq	Y195.9	Y208.2	...	...
Japan Eq	Y192.5	Y204.5	...	1.00
FT Europe	104.50	111.00	...	0.90
FT North Am	$1.677	$1.782	...	...
FT Japan	Y190.6	Y201.5	...	1.30
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.50	106.80	...	...

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	329.90	350.50	+0.40	0.31
British	871.40	921.90	-1.00	4.88
European	337.30	359.20	+3.00	1.78
Japan	108.40	113.20	+0.90	...
New Pacific	257.40	274.10	-3.60	1.53
Mngd Cash	95.61	95.61	...	6.30
Majority Stkg	99.77	103.77	+0.02	6.14
Inv Tst	164.40	174.30	+0.80	2.21
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	679.30	726.50	+6.60	2.50
N America Acc	106.60	114.00	+1.20	0.46
Far East Acc	99.62	106.50	+1.60	0.29
W wide Bond	57.74	61.30	+0.68	5.36
European	75.21	80.44	+0.92	0.45
Equity Income	75.24	80.47	+0.61	4.49

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	32.11	34.35	+0.26	0.74
Managed Assets	110.06	117.74	+1.02	3.83
UK Income	33.86	36.22	+0.37	4.27
UK Growth	34.12	36.50	+0.44	2.90
Worldwide Gth	27.02	28.90	+0.19	0.60

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	188.72	200.77	+2.09	0.30
-do- Acc	207.28	220.51	+2.29	0.30
British Gth	79.66	84.76	+0.80	2.36
-do- Acc	92.98	98.92	+0.95	2.36
European	83.78	89.13	+0.64	0.74
-do- Acc	88.37	94.01	+0.67	0.74
Extra Inc	170.96	181.87	+1.39	4.86
-do- Acc	268.38	285.51	+2.17	4.86
General Unit	244.82	260.45	+2.32	2.78
-do- Acc	482.98	513.80	+4.57	2.78
Income	296.78	315.72	+0.64	3.93
-do- Acc	604.49	643.07	+1.30	3.93
International	444.01	472.35	+2.58	0.72
-do- Acc	580.40	617.44	+3.38	0.72
Pacific	274.81	292.36	+2.34	0.08
-do- Acc	287.81	306.18	+2.44	0.08
Premier Income	48.61	50.64	+0.61	7.04
-do- Acc	99.81	103.98	+0.33	7.04
Nat Resources	80.17	85.29	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	87.91	93.52	+0.38	...
Selected Opps	86.66	92.19	+0.79	1.23
-do- Acc	108.22	115.12	+0.99	1.23

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Eagle	115.90	123.70	+0.90	0.42
Australia	6.000	6.440	-0.01	1.24
Equity	168.80	180.60	+1.20	5.67
Euro Spec Sits	131.30	139.50	+1.30	0.62
Financial	35.05	37.45	+0.20	3.24
Global Opps Inc	80.03	85.59	+0.72	2.35
-do- Acc	82.96	88.71	+0.74	2.35
Gold Gen Inc	34.68	37.15	+0.60	1.18
-do- Acc	66.17	70.94	+1.19	1.18
Income	109.40	117.20	+0.50	5.28
Japan General	109.70	116.70	+1.70	...
Preference	20.78	22.25	+0.05	8.11
UK Capital	96.51	103.20	-0.30	3.27
Worldwide Cap	182.40	194.80	+1.50	3.30
World Income	75.34	80.27	+0.44	3.79

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	69.07	73.67	+0.73	...
-do- Acc	71.24	75.98	+0.75	...
Cash	50.87	50.87	+0.01	6.98
-do- Acc	60.55	60.55	+0.01	6.98
European Opps	56.42	60.17	+0.68	0.49
-do- Acc	57.01	60.79	+0.68	0.49
Far East Opps	123.70	131.94	+1.13	0.74
-do- Acc	126.90	135.02	+1.15	0.74
Gold/Nat. Res	31.35	33.22	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	32.04	34.17	+0.48	...
Japan	57.18	60.90	+0.53	...
-do- Acc	57.38	60.90	+0.53	...
Little Dragons	58.15	62.02	+0.57	0.80
-do- Acc	59.65	63.62	+0.59	0.80
Oriental Income	36.20	38.61	+0.21	4.12
-do- Acc	45.70	48.74	+0.26	4.12
Tiger	185.23	197.57	+2.24	1.33
-do- Acc	193.75	206.66	+2.33	1.33
UK Small Cos	60.63	64.84	+0.17	2.51
-do- Acc	69.52	74.35	+0.31	2.51

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS
Gainsborough Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	207.80	221.70	+1.60	4.78

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	9.34	9.93	+0.08	0.50
Pacific Basin	27.07	28.79	+0.32	0.80
Canadian Gth	31.29	33.28	+0.33	0.10
Global Bond	$0.947	$0.986	-0.003	7.41
Penny Share	18.68	19.87	+0.08	1.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	51.98	51.98	...	6.92
Gilt Growth	63.22	65.79	+0.14	...
Gilt Income	50.87	52.94	+0.14	8.69
Short Dtd Gilt	107.80	109.20	+0.40	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.706	$0.715	-0.000	...
Challenger	87.70	89.84	+0.40	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	63.71	67.77	+0.45	2.33

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	7,100	Coats Vyla	3,000	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	816
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Cm Union	634	Lloyds Bk	2,500	Scot Power	1,800
Anglian W	1,900	Courtaulds	1,200	MB Cardn	1,600	Sears	6,700
Argyll Gp	1,600	De La Rue	718	Marks Spr	12,000	Svrn Trent	2,500
Arjo Wig	3,200	Eng China C	793	NFC	1,800	Shell Trans	5,800
AB Foods	883	Enterpr Oil	651	NatWst Bk	8,800	Siebe	474
BAA	1,500	Fisons	1,100	Nat Power	3,700	SmKl Bch	3,900
BAT Inds	1,800	Forte	9,000	Nth Wst W	2,600	Smith Nph	2,700
BOC	732	GRE	3,200	Nthrn Fds	848	Smith (WH)	390
BP	13,000	GUS A	631	P & O	1,400	Sthern Elec	315
BT	9,300	Gen Acc	753	Pearson	747	Std Chartd	2,200
BTR	2,400	Gen Elec	2,700	PowerGen	2,600	Sun Allnce	1,300
Bk of Scot	4,600	Glaxo	4,700	Prudential	3,600	TI Gp	2,200
Barclays	8,600	Granada	2,600	RTZ	1,500	TSB	5,000
Bass	4,200	Grand Met	6,200	Rank Org	1,500	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Blue Circle	5,400	Guinness	1,900	Reckitt Col	410	Tesco	8,000
Boots	2,600	HSBC	11,000	Redland	1,700	Thames W	3,100
Bowater	1,400	Hanson	5,500	Reed Intl	1,100	Thrn EMI	1,500
Brit Airwys	5,000	ICI	2,900	Rentokil	730	Tomkins	3,700
Brit Gas	6,700	Inchcape	1,700	Reuters	1,300	Unilever	1,100
Brit Steel	2,600	Kingfisher	1,200	Rothmans	688	Utd Bisc	2,100
Burmah Cstrl	836	Kwik Save	388	Ryl Ins	1,400	Vodafone	6,100
Cable Wire	2,300	LASMO	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	3,800	Wellcome	2,300
Cadbury	2,900	Ladbroke	4,800	Sainsbury	1,600	Whitbd 'A'	780
Carlton Com	830	Land Secs	1,300	Scot Hydro	3,500	Wlms Hld	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3243.03 (+1.08)
S&P Composite 433.48 (+0.11)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16538.68 (+28.50)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5914.39 (+37.37)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 99.3 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1519.1 (-2.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1573.67 (-1.21)

FT 30 share: 2143.7 (+9.8)

Brussels:
General 5711.44 (-48.43)

Paris: CAC 477.52 (-3.42)

Zurich: SKA Gen 462.4 (+5.4)

London:
FT A All-Share 1344.64 (+10.06)
FT 500 1485.69 (+8.12)
FT Gold Mines 61.8 (+1.8)
FT Fixed Interest 108.89 (+0.22)
FT Govt Secs 94.05 (+0.57)
Bargains 30508
SEAQ Volume 701.0m
USM (Datastrm) 125.36 (-0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 11	January 29	April 15	April 26

Call options were taken out on 21/1/93: Allied Leisure, Babcock, Bellway, Bodyshop, Burnfield, Caird, GM Firth, Haemocell, OMI, Tadpole, WPP.
Put: ML Labs.
Puts & Calls: A Fisher, Haemocell, Higgs & Hill, Hillsdown, Mirror Group.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2764.0	2794.0	2753.0	2785.0	10184
Previous open interest: 46572	Jun 93	2787.0	2800.0	2787.0	2805.0	24
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.51	93.72	93.48	93.69	47640
Previous open interest: 229667	Jun 93	93.87	94.01	93.83	93.95	26478
	Sep 93	93.94	94.10	93.92	94.06	11786
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.57	96.61	96.56	96.61	1013
Previous open interest: 19861	Jun 93	96.26	96.28	96.26	96.30	514
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.08	92.12	92.03	92.07	36760
Previous open interest: 410517	Jun 93	92.82	92.86	92.75	92.83	24655
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	105-17	105-20	105-15	105-18	27
Previous open interest: 988	Jun 93				104-11	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	99-27	100-22	99-25	100-20	47138
Previous open interest: 59025	Jun 93	100-16	101-08	100-16	101-07	81
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.23	109.27	109.21	109.22	477
	Jun 93				108.62	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.94	93.04	92.87	92.97	45567
Previous open interest: 156532	Jun 93	92.94	93.02	92.89	92.97	859
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.55	90.64	90.52	90.61	876
Previous open interest: 12467	Jun 93	91.62	91.63	91.58	91.65	791
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.47	94.62	94.47	94.59	10258
Previous open interest: 35669	Jun 93	94.86	94.91	94.82	94.91	2422
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	94.90	95.02	94.73	94.84	8034
Previous open interest: 25287	Jun 93				94.96	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.8 (day's range 79.8-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7515-2.7814	2.7538-2.7572	¼-⅜ds	¾-1ds
Brussels	50.20-50.83	50.45-50.55	3-8ds	12-19ds
Copenhagen	9.3990-9.5100	9.3990-9.4210	2¾-5⅜ds	8⅞-12¼ds
Dublin	0.9200-0.9238	0.9201-0.9236	74-135ds	186-311ds
Frankfurt	2.4472-2.4608	2.4472-2.4505	¼-⅜ds	⅞-1ds
Lisbon	219.36-222.10	220.42-220.88	113-124ds	356-375ds
Madrid	172.67-175.43	172.82-173.70	108-116ds	315-320ds
Milan	2236.10-2260.20	2239.10-2248.20	9-11ds	30-32ds
Montreal	1.9488-1.9691	1.9507-1.9529	0.15pr-par	0.15-0.04pr
New York	1.5160-1.5375	1.5160-1.5170	0.53-0.51pr	1.38-1.36pr
Oslo	10.3690-10.4630	10.3890-10.4120	2½-3⅜ds	7⅝-9¼ds
Paris	8.2620-8.3460	8.2620-8.2760	3¼-3⅝ds	8⅞-9⅞ds
Stockholm	10.9650-11.0570	10.9650-10.9888	2½-3⅝ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Tokyo	189.71-192.05	189.71-189.92	⅜-¼pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	17.16-17.38	17.23-17.28	1¼-2⅜ds	4⅞-6¾ds
Zurich	2.2429-2.2694	2.2471-2.2502	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5129-1.5155
Australia dollar	2.2813-2.2846
Bahrain dinar	0.5745-0.5865
Brazil cruzeiro*	22117.3-22155.7
Cyprus pound	0.7275-0.7375
Finland marka	8.2995-8.4155
Greece drachma	327.0-334.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.736-11.748
India rupee	44.12-45.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.466-0.476
Malaysia ringgit	3.9346-3.9388
Mexico peso	4.74-4.84
New Zealand dollar	2.9597-2.9677
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.712-5.838
Singapore dollar	2.5111-2.5145
S Africa rand (fin)	7.23-7.40
S Africa rand (com)	4.6693-4.6755
U A E dirham	5.5955-5.7195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5028-1.5039
Austria	11.32-11.34
Belgium (Com)	33.12-33.16
Canada	1.2860-1.2865
Denmark	6.200-6.204
France	5.450-5.455
Germany	1.615-1.616
Hong Kong	7.734-7.735
Ireland	1.6425-1.6475
Italy	1475.0-1476.0
Japan	125.14-125.19
Malaysia	2.592-2.593
Netherlands	1.815-1.816
Norway	6.84-6.85
Portugal	144.7-144.9
Singapore	1.6545-1.6555
Spain	113.9-114.4
Sweden	7.235-7.245
Switzerland	1.4795-1.4805

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 7 Week fixed: 7¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth: 6⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	7[illegible]	7-7	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6½-6¼
Overnight: open 7¼, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps	7	n/a	6[illegible]	6¼	6¼
Sterling CDs	7[illegible]-7	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6½-6¼
Dollar CDs	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.17-3.14	3.33-3.30	3.75-3.72
Building Society CDs	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	7-7¼	6¾-6½	6¼-6½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38 %. Schemes II & III: 8.50 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3[illegible]	3¼-2⅞	3⅛-3	3[illegible]	3½-2½
Deutschemark	8¾-8½	8[illegible]	8[illegible]	8[illegible]	8½-7½
French Franc	12½-12¼	12-11¼	11½-11¼	10½-10¼	16-11
Swiss Franc	5½-5¼	5[illegible]	5¾-5½	5½-5¼	5½-4½
Yen	3[illegible]	3½-3¼	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	4¼-3¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.70-330.20 Close: $329.70-330.20 High: $329.70-330.30 Low: $328.75-329.25 Krugerrand: $328.50-330.50 (£215.50-217.50)
Sovereigns: Old $79.00-81.00 (£49.50-51.50) New $79.00-81.00 (£49.50-51.50)
Platinum $364.90 (£239.35) Silver: $3.73 (£2.455) Palladium: $111.35 (£73.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	35	70	80	1	7½	19
(*595½)	600	8	35	47	7	24	40
ASDA	60	7½	11	14	½	5	7
(*66½)	70	1	6	10½	6	10	12
Bass	550	50	64	79	2	12	22
(*595½)	600	8	33	50	12	30	42
Boots	500	18	38	46	3	13	25
(*516½)	550	1	13	22	36	42	54
Br Airways	260	10	25	32	4½	14½	23
(*264)	280	2½	14	21	17	23	34
BP	220	11	18	24	2	8½	13
(*231)	240	1½	9	14½	12	19	24
	260	1	3	8	32	34	38
Br Steel	60	5	10	13½	1	5	7½
(*53½)	70	1½	5½	8½	7	11	13
C & W	700	25	50	70	4	22	36
(*720)	750	2	26	42	35	47	64
CU	600	18	35	48	3	24	33
(*615½)	650	1½	13	26	37	57	65
Courtauld	500	48	62	73	1½	8	20
(*545½)	550	9	30	44	12	27	42
GKN	420	35	43	50	2	14	20
(*451½)	460	5	18	28	13	34	40
Grnd Met	420	18	35	50	3	15	22
(*439½)	460	2	17	30	28	36	42
ICI	1050	72	89	108	2	34	51
(*1122)	1100	23	54	80	7½	59	74
	1150	3½	29	58	38	93	107
Kingfshr	500	43	56	64	1	8½	20
(*541½)	550	4½	25	36	13	27	43
Ladbroke	180	18	27	32	2	11	17
(*194½)	200	5	13	23	8	21	29
Land Sec	420	30	41	46	1	5½	18
(*449)	460	2	15	22	16	23	41
M & S	300	24	32	38	1	7	11
(*322)	330	2	13	20	11	18	24
Sainsbury	550	13	34	45	5	22	30
(*557½)	600	1	13	25	42	48	53
Shell	500	21	29	39	1½	14	20
(*522)	550	1	7	17	32	49	52
Smkl Bch	475	29	-	-	2½	-	-
(*505½)	500	9	27	46	8	24	33
Storehse	200	17	25	32	1½	7½	12
(*214½)	220	3	14	22	7½	16	24
Trafalgar	50	11½	15	17	1½	4	8
(*61)	60	3½	9	12	3	9	13
Unilever	1050	57	79	95	1½	12	30
(*1105½)	1100	14	43	65	11	40	51
Utd Bisc	330	25	32	37	1½	11	15
(*354½)	360	3	14	22	10	26	31

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	54	74	85	6	17	26
(*788)	800	19	40	57	25	39	48
BAT Ind	950	38	52	69	17	43	52
(*967½)	1000	16	30	46	45	74	81
BTR	500	46	50	56	3	11	17
(*539)	550	11	21	30	20	32	39
Br Aero	200	25	36	48	15	27	36
(*209)	220	13	29	38	21	41	48
Br Telcm	360	24	34	39	4	8	14
(*377½)	390	7	16½	21	18	21	30
Cadbury	460	23	30	39	7	22	27
(*473)	500	5½	14	24	34	47	51
Guinness	460	27	40	48	12	24	31
(*469½)	500	5½	21	30	34	47	55
GEC	260	14½	23	27	4	8½	14
(*267)	280	4½	12	16	15	19	25
Hanson	220	21	24½	27	2	5	7½
(*239)	240	7	11½	15½	7	13½	16½
LASMO	140	11½	18	24	7½	16	19
(*146)	160	4	10	15	21	29	33
Lucas	140	10	17	22	8	17	21
(*138½)	160	4	9	13½	25	31	33
P & O	500	44	57	65	8½	30	38
(*530)	550	16	30	40	32	60	67
Pilkingtn	90	15	20	23	4½	8	12
(*99)	100	8½	15	16½	9	13	16
Prudential	280	22	28	31	3	11	15
(*299½)	300	10	16	21	11	21	25
RTZ	600	62	70	72	5	18	25
(*657)	650	26	39	53	17	38	48
Scot New	420	30	44	50	6	13	22
(*443)	460	9½	23	30	26	32	42
Tesco	260	14	22	27	8	16	19
(*263)	280	5	12	17	20	26	30
Thames W	460	20	34	40	8	15	26
(*472)	500	4	15	20	35	38	50
Vodafone	360	35	47	55	4½	13	19
(*389)	390	15	30	39	16	26	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2773½)

		2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls	Feb	139	98	60	34	17	7
	Mar	145	123	90	62	43	27
	Apr	168	145	103	91	69	45
	May	181	149	121	97	77	61
	Jun	-	179	-	120	-	72
Puts	Feb	12	20	38	67	98	140
	Mar	28	43	60	86	117	173
	Apr	50	68	84	103	130	182
	May	62	85	107	134	164	198
	Jun	-	85	-	138	-	199

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	330	30	35	42	11	16	21
(*359)	360	13	19	29	27	32	36
Amstrad	20	6½	7½	8	1	2	2
(*24½)	25	3	4½	5½	3	4	4½
Barclays	390	36	41	51	18	30	39
(*412½)	420	16	29	39	40	47	57
Blue Circ	200	22	29	36	15	26	31
(*204½)	220	11	20	27	26	38	43
Br Gas	260	31	32	37	3½	8	10
(*287)	280	16	19	25	8	17	19
	300	7	12	16	20	29	31
Dixons	220	25	36	39	5	14	20
(*234½)	240	15	24	29	17	24	30
Eurotnnl	360	49	60	76	15	25	34
(*396)	390	28	44	60	30	40	48
Forte	180	13	17	22	13	23	26
(*178)	200	6	10	15	27	37	40
Glaxo	700	49	72	92	28	43	53
(*717½)	750	25	49	69	57	69	80
	800	12	31	51	95	104	113
HSBC	550	32	45	59	30	47	58
(*550½)	600	12	25	39	63	79	98
Hillsdwn	140	18	23	26	4	18	22
(*147½)	160	8½	14	18	22	31	34
Lonrho	70	9	13	15	7	9½	13
(*74)	80	5	8½	10½	13	16	19
Reuter	1350	65	92	120	70	92	113
(*1530)	1400	39	70	105	105	123	138
R-Royce	110	17	18	22	6½	10	14
(*116½)	120	9	13	17	12	16	19
Sears	100	8	11	15	5½	9	11
(*102)	110	4	7½	10	11	14	16
Thrn Emi	800	65	90	99	11	20	36
(*834)	850	36	58	70	29	41	61
TSB	160	9	14	18	11	14	17
(*164)	180	2½	6	9	24	26	29
Vaal Reefs	25	7	6	6	2½	3	3½
(*$30)	30	2½	3½	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	67	93	118	26	45	57
(*929)	950	40	66	92	50	69	82

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Fisons	220	7½	25	34	5	19	31
(*222)	240	1½	17	25	20	31	42

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastn Elc	400	30	42	-	5½	13	-
(*416)	430	12	-	-	19	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	280	19	28	32	9	13	20
(*289½)	300	9	18	23	20	24	30
Scot Pwr	200	25	30	34	1½	3½	7½
(*222)	220	10	16	21	7	10	16

January 21, 1993 Tot: 34917 Calls: 19741 Puts: 15176 FT-SE Calls: 6878 Puts: 5007
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Wheat futures traded in complete confusion as sterling collapsed on bad economic news, but the futures failed to react on the upward side as has been seen of late. Robusta coffee futures ended sharply down but off the day's lows, with fund selling continuing the market's technically-driven downward spiral.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	729-728	May	816-814
May	739-738	Jul	829-828
Jul	750-749	Sep	842-840
Sep	762-760	Dec	862 SLR
Dec	780-778		
Mar	801-800	Volume: 9012	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	915-904	Sep	890-888
Mar	885-884	Nov	902-890
May	885-884	Jan	905-895
Jul	879-878	Volume: 12543	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	195.0-93.0
Spot n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	199.0-87.0	Mar	195.0-91.0
May	194.4-94.0	May	197.0-93.0
Aug	195.0-93.0	Volume: 9	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	243.5-43.1
Spot: 255.0		Dec	247.2-46.1
Mar	253.0-52.6	Mar	248.7-47.0
May	254.7-54.3	May	251.6-49.1
Aug	255.5-57.6	Volume: 1180	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.30	85.10	117.99
(+/-)	+1.93	-4.28	-0.62
Eng/Wales:	81.42	85.59	118.33
(+/-)	+1.95	-3.79	-0.10
(%)	+11.9	-43.6	-26.4
Scotland:	72.76	83.39	116.13
(+/-)	+5.59	-6.00	-4.46
(%)	n/a	-3.4	-29.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jan	104.0	104.0	Mar	unq	unq
Feb	unq	unq		Volume: 4	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	137.10
Mar	137.95
May	139.75
Jun	140.45
Sep	109.30
Volume: 206	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	131.40
Mar	133.85
May	135.10
Sep	107.70
Nov	110.60
Volume: 41	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	156.30
Apr	154.30
Jun	144.00
Aug	145.00
Oct	149.50
Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	61.0	60.9
May	71.5	70.9
Apr	unq	93.0
Volume: 10		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 64.75-64.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A US attack on an Iraqi missile site and bad weather in the North Sea helped to strengthen crude oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.10	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.30	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.80	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.95	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	182 (n/c)	184 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	166 (n/c)	167 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	166 (n/c)	167 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (+1)	70 (n/c)
Naphtha	174 (-1)	176 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	162.00-62.25	May	162.50-62.75
Mar	162.25-62.50	Jun	163.25-63.50
Apr	162.00-62.25	Jul	165.00-65.50
		Vol: 11134	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.29-17.30	Jun	17.70 BID
Apr	17.45-17.47	Jul	n/a
May	17.57-17.60	Vol: 21122	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	184.00-84.25	May	193.00-96.00
Mar	184.50-86.50	Jun	191.00 BID
Apr	193.50-95.00	Vol: 56	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1265	1265	1265
Feb 93	1275	1270	1275
Mar 93	1275	1270	1273
Apr 93	1285	1272	1282

Vol: 89 lots. Open int'st: 3231. Index 1264 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1454.0-1455.0	1474.0-1474.5	665125
Lead (£/tonne)	281.00-281.50	291.00-291.25	42875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1053.0-1053.5	1071.0-1072.0	236850
Tin ($/tonne)	5960.0-5965.0	6020.0-6025.0	8405
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1204.0-1204.5	1226.0-1226.5	789675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5890.0-5895.0	5955.0-5960.0	47454

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Weighing up cost of equality in a battle of sex and age

The day of the unisex pension may be nigh if the recommendations of Barber are allowed to shape the future, writes Sara McConnell



Briefed for battle: from left, McKenna and Co lawyers Nigel Moore, Mark Grant, John Cunliffe and Justin Ede

Next week, the European Court of Justice will hear three cases that will have a significant and lasting effect on the pensions benefits received by millions of employees. The outcome of the three test cases, of which one is from the UK, one from Germany and one from The Netherlands, are expected to determine how pension schemes should interpret an earlier European Court ruling, Barber v Guardian Royal Exchange, and could cost pension schemes billions of pounds.

In the Barber case, the court ruled that pensions were part of pay and men and women who were members of company pension schemes must therefore receive equal benefits under article 119 of the Treaty of Rome. What will not be clear until after the test cases are heard, however, is the extent to which the judgment applies retrospectively.

The ruling could be interpreted in three different ways, according to McKenna and Co, lawyers acting for the Coloroll Pension Trustees in the the largest and best known of the three test cases to be heard next week. The ruling could mean that equal benefits must be paid in respect of all service after May 17, 1990, but that schemes would not have to backdate uprated benefits earned by service before then. This would be the cheapest option and would avoid back-service costs on top of those already accounted for by companies awaiting a test-case decision.

Employers are crossing their fingers that this will be the favoured option. They have the advantage that the short-lived protocol to the Maastricht treaty amending the Treaty of Rome took the same line, saying that companies will not have to provide equal benefits for men and women for any period of service before May 17, 1990. The protocol was slipped through at the end of 1991 as part of the Maastricht summit. Roger Key, a partner at R Watson, the actuary, suggested the court was likely to follow the line set by the protocol.

Alternatively, the court may hold that the Barber judgment relates to members who retire, die or leave service after May 17, 1990, but earn benefits for service before then.

If the worst fears of employers and the government are realised, the court could decide that all pension instalments paid after May 17, 1990, would have to be equalised whatever the periods of service to which the instalments relate or the date pension payments started to be made. The potential cost of this last option could be huge, involving employers in expensive upgrading of benefits for employees who had left the company or retired.

Men retiring at 60, five years before the usual retirement age of 65, could get a reduced pension of up to one third less than a woman retiring at the same age. If men are entitled to retire at 60 on a full pension as a result of the ruling, the cost to pension schemes could run into billions of pounds. Some estimate that the total cost to UK employers could be as high as £50 billion, if the court ruled that the retrospectivity should be taken to extremes. Others, including R Watson, which did some calculations for the European Court, reckon the cost would be nearer £25 billion.

Such figures alarmed the UK government sufficiently for it to announce in April 1991 that it would give financial backing to the trustees of the Coloroll group pension scheme to take its case to the European Court. Since Coloroll went into receivership in June 1990, its trustees have not been able to wind up the company's eight remaining pension schemes because they did not know what all the 10,000 Coloroll pensioners were entitled to as a result of the Barber judgment. Coloroll is seen as a particularly good test case because it had a range of different types of schemes including final salary schemes, money purchase schemes, schemes with a surplus and schemes with a deficit. Some of its schemes are contracted out of the state earnings related pension scheme (SERPs) while others are contracted in.

Some estimate that the total cost to UK employers could be as high as £50 billion

John Cunliffe, partner at McKenna and Co, estimated that the government's final legal bill for the Coloroll case could total £1 million.

In July 1991, the government asked the European Court to link the Coloroll case to two others from Germany and The Netherlands that had already been refered. In the Dutch case, Ten Oever v Stichting Bedrijfpensioensfonds voor het Glazenwassers en Schoonhaalkbedrijf (the Dutch Industrywide Window Washers Pension Scheme), a man whose wife died in 1988 was denied a widower's pension from her employer, although the scheme provided a widow's pension. The court will consider whether he should be entitled to be paid one from the date of her death, if the Barber judgment is deemed to be retrospective, or whether he does not qualify because his wife died before the date of the Barber ruling.

In the German case of Moroni v Collo GmbH, the court will be considering whether a male employee was discriminated against in 1983 because his deferred pension was calculated using unequal pension ages of 65 for men and 60 for women, making the value of his pension less than it would have been for a woman. He would also have to wait until he was 65 before receiving his pension whereas a woman would be able to receive hers at 60. Although the court is expected to decide how retrospective the Barber judgment is in these cases, it will not deal directly with the question of whether insurance companies and pension schemes that pay different transfer values and annuity rates to men and women are contravening the sex discrimination provisions of the Treaty of Rome. Transfer values, like annuities bought with lump sums from money purchase schemes, are calculated assuming that women will live on average five years longer than men.

If a man and a woman both take the same cash value from the same money purchase pension scheme, having put in the same contributions and received the same amounts from their employer, and use the money to buy an annuity, the woman will still get a worse pension than her male counterpart. Insurance companies that sell annuities are not bound by the Treaty of Rome and will offer women worse rates because they live longer.

Actuaries believe that there will be an irresistable push towards offering unisex rates on annuities after the Barber judgment has been clarified and the move towards equalising benefits begins in earnest.

If nothing is done, there is a risk that there will be selection against insurance companies, with women choosing those offering unisex benefits and men favouring those who still pay different rates on grounds of age and sex, said Paul Greenwood, at Mercer Fraser, the actuary. The government is widely expected to legislate to bring insurance companies into line.

The government will also need to make a final decision on equalisation of state pension ages. These mesh in closely with occupational pension schemes and employees usually structure their benefits assuming that men will receive a state pension at 65 and women at 60. Some companies have already equalised retirement ages for employees and there is likely to be a rush to do so after the judgment is handed down. This should be by July.

The government is studying responses to a discussion document on equalising state pension ages brought out at the end of 1991.

Various options have been outlined, including raising the retirement age for women to 65, setting the age for both men and women at 63 or cutting the retirement age for men to 60. This last is considered a non-runnner as it would be expensive.

Another option is to have a "flexible decade" of retirement between 60 and 70. But until the level of state pension ages is decided, one piece of the jigsaw will be missing.

TEMPUS

Beyond the Insolvency Act

BRITAIN'S insolvency laws have needlessly destroyed thousands of companies and cost investors billions of pounds during this recession. Coopers & Lybrand, the nation's largest insolvency specialist has suggested ways of avoiding this. They deserve attention.

Seven years ago, the Insolvency Act was greeted as a new beginning, a tool to allow good companies to survive financial crises and emerge stronger and wiser. Today, few would deny it has failed. The rules surrounding administration, the act's main innovation, are so detrimental to the interests of directors and creditors alike that only a few dozen companies have attempted to use them. Only a handful have survived the experience.

Directors must have some incentive to use the administration procedure. As Coopers suggests, the most obvious is to allow them to keep their jobs and work with the administrators to ensure the company emerges from the other side of a restructuring. Creditors must also feel confident that they will recover more by allowing the company to stay afloat. Sometimes, they should have their arms twisted to support a rescue, particularly when the courts decide there is something to save. Coopers' suggestion of a 28-day statutory debt standstill on creditors voluntary arrangements would fit the bill.

Legislation is not enough. There has to be a fundamental change in the public sector's hawkish attitude towards troubled businesses. Customs & Excise and the Inland Revenue are notoriously intransigent creditors and thousands of sound companies have been forced into receivership because they were not allowed to reschedule their tax or VAT liabilities. Any changes will come too late to save the 80,000 businesses expected to fail this year. But they must come soon. The government must set up a successor to the Cork committee to examine the failings of the current system in depth. Then it must act before any future recession ravages Britain's commercial heartlands so badly.

Sterling

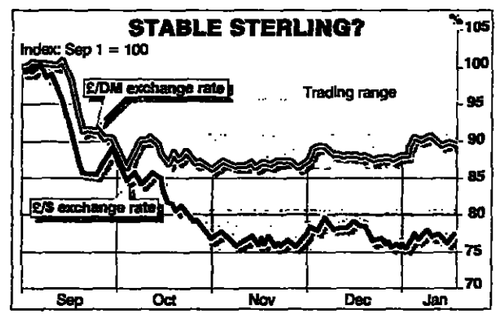
SINCE the start of November, sterling has confounded the pessimists and traded in a narrow range against the dollar, $1.50-1.60, and the mark, DM2.40-2.54. Yesterday's disappointing retail sales figures endangered that delicate state.

The near-2 pfennig fall in the pound's value was an understandable market reaction to the realisation that politicians and shopkeepers can huff and puff about confidence but they cannot conjure up free-spending consumers. Economists and the press were misled by bullish trading reports from large retailers that omitted distress signals from independent stores.

In the longer term, the figures were negative for sterling on two fronts. First, the promised recovery still refuses to materialise. Second, the government may be forced into more rate cuts to stimulate spending. Either way, this encourages those who predict a further sharp depreciation before long.

Nor was the pound helped by signals from Germany that there will be no change in the discount rate just yet. The repo rate has been left unchanged at 8.6 per cent, against hopes of a 0.1 point cut, fuelling the sentiment that when German rate cuts come they will be small and rare.

With unemployment and industrial production figures due today, there is still plenty of economic ammunition around that could sink sterling. Sterling bulls, if they still exist, will hope such fire will not be so well targeted as yesterday's salvo.



Cellular phones

THE signing of the interconnection agreement between Mercury and BT has focused attention on the price war brewing in the mobile telecommunications industry.

Mercury's decision to use its new PCN system to compete head on with BT's land-based network as well as the two cellular operators looks bold but in reality was inevitable. Mercury needs to offer domestic customers direct access to its network to avoid incurring access charges from 1996.

Even so, reports of its planned charges suggest they are aggressive. Domestic rates, from a local base station, will be similar to BT's, while mobile rates will be less than half Vodafone's or Cellnet's. The two cellular operators blew a fanfare about their lower tariff structures last year but they have so far only tinkered with their charges. They will soon be forced to offer far more substantial discounts, particularly to their core business customers. This will leave Mercury and USWest with a hard slog to justify their investment in their PCN. The network will cost upwards of £1 billion to install nationwide, implying that it must register profits of more than £200 million by the end of the decade at today's prices to make an acceptable return. If charges are going to be as low as reported, Mercury must attract millions of customers with itchy dialling fingers to achieve that.

Kunick

WHEN a company announces a pre-tax loss of £12.4 million and admits margins in its core business are "low and wholly inadequate", only a fool would say it had turned the corner. Yet Kunick, the fruit machine group, appears to have done just that.

The balance sheet is now in better shape. The sale of 50 per cent of Goldsborough, its nursing home subsidiary, has reduced borrowings from £47 million to £10 million, pushing gearing below 20 per cent. Kunick had to take all Goldsborough's £31 million debts off the balance sheet to achieve that.

The profit and loss account, ravaged by £12.9 million of exceptional charges this time, looks less healthy than the balance sheet. But things should improve. There are unlikely to be further write-downs and trading could soon pick up. The question on shareholders' lips is what rewards they will get if Goldsborough is floated 2 to 3 years from now.

Kunick will have to decide whether to pay a one-off dividend or reinvest the money in developing new leisure businesses. Either way, the market is still unimpressed; the shares are trading at 6½p — little more than option money.

Bols/Wessanen

MERGER talks between Bols, the Dutch distiller, and Wessanen, the food group, look like a triumph of defensive tactics over aggression.

What both sides really want is security from the predatory clutches of bigger rivals. Wessanen's frozen yoghurt business in America has endeared it to the likes of Unilever, Nestlé and BSN. Bols has been nervous about the unwanted attentions of the big spirits companies.

Dutch companies have a habit of climbing into bed together. Witness NMB Postbank's merger with Nationale Nederlanden two years ago. Wessanen and Bols may be similarly paired, off, but it is far from a perfect match.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tiddlers go on show again

HOARE Govett is re-running its smaller companies exhibition, at which the stock market's tiddlers are encouraged to meet potential investors and brokers, on May 20. Organising the event is the first job for Chris Theis, who is joining Hoare next week to head the smaller companies sales side after having taken a brief vacation in the Caribbean after leaving Smith New Court. Pat O'Bryan, in research, says the aim is to attract up to 60 quoted small companies to take space at the exhibition, at the Barbican Exhibition Halls. In 1991, 44 companies and 250 fund managers from 150 big institutions attended. More than half those companies met more than 20 potential investors during the day, a process that would have taken at least two days out of the average company chairman's time if the usual interviews had been arranged, Pat says. Of the 44, two have since been taken over and two have gone bust. Not a bad strike rate in these troubled times.

Tucker in

A PARTNER of Brown Brothers Harriman, the oldest and largest private banking firm in the US, has been appointed a non-executive director of Blenheim Group, the exhibition organiser and publisher. Larry Tucker, 50, is head of investment at Brown Brothers, founded in 1818. Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, says: "Lawrence Tucker brings a wealth of international financial and commercial experience to our deliberations, coupled with a profound understanding of the issues of corporate governance." Tucker lives in Connecticut with his family and is a keen gardener. "I don't know whether or not Blenheim's stock has fallen since the announcement of my appointment," he says jovially. Blenheim has also appointed Michael Fletcher as a director. Fletcher, 47, has been managing director of Blenheim's UK operations since May 1992.



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Discounting signs

PUNDITS looking for indications of economic recovery might be encouraged by the opening of the London office of Manchester's Causeway Invoice Discounting. Early signs of growth are usually detected first by the factoring and discounting industry, which closely monitors clients' cash flows and can spot changes as they happen. Brian Sumner, Causeway's managing director, says, however: "There is no evidence among our existing customers of any improvement in their situation, although we will be in place to provide working capital to businesses as they grow out of the recession." Other factoring experts agree that there is no cause for excitement yet. Leslie Bland, Century Factors' managing director, says: "We are still bumping along the bottom."

Holbein's Henry

CAPITAL House, the investment management arm of The Royal Bank of Scotland, has organised its first sponsorship of the arts: the exhibition *Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII*. The impressive planning of John Elwood, CH's head of external affairs, means the exhibition does not arrive at the National Portrait Gallery until January 1994, after a tour from Edinburgh to Cambridge. "Unlike Mr Clinton, I didn't get where I am today without doing my military service, and I'm therefore very well organised," says Elwood. The Holbein exhibition includes portrait drawings and miniatures from the Queen's collection, and features characters from the court of Henry VIII, such as Sir Thomas Moore, Cardinal Fisher and Jane Seymour. The exhibition opens at the National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, on 23 July.

Hospital appeal

A MEMORIAL service was held yesterday at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, for Rob Headlam, the architect, who died in December, aged 48. Headlam was known and admired in property circles as senior partner of Hunter & Partners, a subsidiary of Rutland Trust, and as the governor of the Purcell School in Harrow, which teaches musically gifted children. The music at the service included Elton John's *Song for Guy*, as well as a contribution from a steel band. Christopher Woodhouse, consultant urologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital, where Headlam was cared for, marked the occasion with the launch of the Rob Headlam Appeal, which aims to raise £50,000 for the Royal Marsden. Headlam leaves a widow, Elaine, and two children.

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Customs view on VAT requirement open to challenge

From Peter Milnes

Sir, I refer to the letters in *The Times* Business Letters of January 11 and 13 from Ms Carol Speed and Mr Tony McClenaghan respectively, with regard to the new requirement for businesses which supply "consultancy-type" services to obtain the VAT registration numbers of their EC business customers.

As has previously been stated, Customs and Excise as a result of new UK VAT legislation will make it a requirement, from July 1, 1993, of UK businesses supplying consultancy-type services to EC businesses to obtain the EC VAT registration number of their customers in order to avoid having to charge them UK VAT. However, it is very doubtful whether Customs have the *vires* under current EC legislation to impose such a requirement.

UK VAT legislation must comply with EC Council directives, consequently, Customs may only impose obligations which are allowable under EC legislation, or seek specific derogations to act otherwise.

Although there are certain services where it is a requirement under EC law to obtain the customer's VAT registration number, mainly in connection with transport services, these do not extend to consultancy-type services.

Furthermore, although EC legislation allows member states discretionary powers to impose obligations deemed necessary for the collection of VAT and to prevent evasion, these must be equitable to both domestic transactions and intra-community transactions and must not give rise to any cross-border formalities.

Customs have not indicated their *vires* for requiring businesses to obtain the VAT registration numbers of customers nor have they indicated that a derogation has been obtained.

Furthermore, leaving EC legislation aside, it is also debatable whether Customs have the power under UK legislation to impose UK VAT on consultancy-type services provided to EC businesses, where the customer's VAT number is not quoted on a tax invoice. To conclude, as Customs are on weak ground with regard to this issue, their view is certainly open to challenge.

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The Belgian option for foreign receipts

From M. J. Holden

Sir, I agree with Mr Spiegl that a community based clearing system operating on the same terms as in the UK would facilitate business (Letters, January 14). However, in its absence, I suggest as a third option opening a bank account in Belgium, into which receipts from firms with which he does business in that country could be paid.

Annual charges, at least on personal accounts, are low, and costs of transfer are of the order of 0.2 per cent of the sum transferred, plus fixed charges of around BFr600 (£11.50). Sums can be converted into sterling before transfer, thus benefiting from the better rates of exchange in Belgium and minimising or avoiding charges in the UK.

Whether Mr Spiegl would benefit from taking this option would depend on the quantity of his business in Belgium and the frequency with which he made transfers; fixed costs could obviously be minimised by making infrequent transfers. Receipts could be kept in a high-interest account, pending transfer.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. HOLDEN,
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Safe custody charges

From D. H. Noble

Sir, Further to Mr Tweedie's letter of January 18, in which he says that Barclays has not introduced new or increased charges for the custody of shareholdings, I have recently received a letter from Barclays as follows:

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ACCOUNTANCY

Opening up the audit debate

Ian Plaistowe wants lively input if auditing is to meet expectations



Time to explore: Ian Plaistowe sees high grade specialism emerging

THE Auditing Practices Board's paper on the future of the audit presents a golden opportunity to promote public debate on the subject. The APB's working party under the chairmanship of John McFarlane, which produced the paper, is to be congratulated for having opened up a whole boxful of issues and ideas for auditors and other to explore. But it would be wrong to regard this as a matter for esoteric debate between accountants.

Directors and managers would be affected by the paper's proposals, so they had better make sure that their voices are heard. Legislators, too, will want to assess the power of the public interest arguments that lie within the board's suggestions.

Debate needs to be brisk and lively because there are major issues at stake involving radical approaches to external reporting, responsibilities and relationships, affecting all those concerned with corporate governance.

One example: the board believes that, in the longer term, the public interest will require companies to minimise more effectively unacceptable risks to their shareholders and other stakeholders. It suggests a progressively sharper audit focus on the management of financial risks. This is a newly defined role for auditors and one that could bring them into sharp conflict with management.

An "unacceptable risk" to a cautious auditor may well represent a worthwhile opportunity to an entrepreneur. Management can be expected to question the ability of the auditor to second-guess those with the prime responsibility for risk management and, more fundamentally, whether this approach could develop into a stifling restraint on commercial initiative.

It may well be that it is the corporate sector that will be the most critical of those responding to the paper. Not only would business bear the cost of the proposals, should they come to fruition, but also managements would find themselves swept along on a tide of wider responsibilities and exposures.

The call for auditors to report to a wider interest group of stakeholders will only work if this is matched by a parallel responsibility on the part of directors. Before the role and scope of audit can be widened to respond to the needs of such stakeholders in companies, the APB says a solution must be found to the financial threat posed by risks to auditing firms arising from litigation in the current legal framework.

Reform in this area is going to require a careful balance between the interests of all parties at risk from unsatisfactory reporting.

The ideas on the formation of shareholder representative groups present practical and organisational problems. The paper might also be seen as casting doubt on the ability of audit committees to act with independence, given the collective responsibility that its members bear under the unitary board structure.

This doubt strikes at the heart of the Cadbury Committee's widely accepted assumptions concerning the effectiveness of audit committees and can surely be expected to be challenged.

Although the paper does not develop the theme fully, there is an undoubted case for elevating the job of auditing. It is still seen as the least glamorous side of an accountant's business.

If it were to become a specialism on a par with the highest reaches of other professions with, perhaps, higher qualification hurdles to cross until fully-fledged company auditor status is reached by the principals of accountancy firms, many of the present concerns about auditing might fall away. Auditors are likely in the near future to have to take much more responsibility for reporting on internal controls and the going concern status of the company, following the Cadbury report. This will require auditors to have a different outlook and a stronger sense of understanding of the business.

Nobody should expect overnight miracles. Realistically, the reforms proposed will take a long time to implement and some may prove unacceptable. But, if auditing is ever to meet expectations, it cannot do so without a substantial further investment in the development of skills and, most particularly, in learning from past auditing mistakes, both in this country and overseas.

We now have the chance to increase the relevance and reliability of auditing significantly. So, even though commentators may find some suggestions challenging or, indeed, difficult to implement, let us all take full advantage of the opportunity to debate the issue of what the audit should be all about.

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Cornering the duds at the corner shop

THERE is a thundering paradox at the heart of the government's insistence that the accountancy profession spends a fortune monitoring and policing its audit firms both large and, more often than not, small. Critics have long argued that the only answer is direct control from outside the profession. Politicians, particularly from the Labour Party, have often gone along with this, but if it came to the crunch any government would run a mile from direct supervision and control. If you can get the profession to come up with its own millions to pay for the scheme, why bother the taxpayer? And more important, this way round you can blame the profession whenever anything goes wrong.

Politicians will argue furiously that audit scandals need to be sorted out. But if the government took on the responsibility, it would also, in the eyes of the public, take the blame when the odd scandal arose. Politicians who harry the profession would fall silent overnight if they took the job of regulating it. For those critics, it is presumably heartening to see in the first annual reports of the monitoring schemes that it is costing the profession a fortune, that sole practitioners are frequently disorganised, and that action is being taken to boot out the most inadequate. The English and Scots institutes have spent about £7 million so far. The Certified accountants have spent just under £400,000. They may seem the more cost effective. Certainly they have found many more members to be defective than the chartered bodies. But they have a much higher proportion of members at the very small end of the market. People who are running the profession's equivalent of corner shops are similarly likely to be disorganised.



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As ACCA's report makes plain, "the single most important and pervasive problem encountered on monitoring visits is the quality of recording of audit work. While large practices often have a culture and management structure that requires planning, evidence and conclusions to be committed to paper, smaller practices do not. The small practitioner knows his clients and their businesses and will often acquire audit evidence, and exercise professional judgment at a high level without needing to record it". To which one should add a discreet yes, maybe. For audit practices as small as these, the problem is that until now they have happily worked in isolation. In a sense, the relevant auditing guideline is assumed by them to be irrelevant. It states that "audit working papers would always be sufficiently complete and detailed to enable an experienced auditor with no previous connections with the audit subsequently to ascertain from them what work was performed and to support the conclusions reached".

In the world of the corner shop audit, the prospect or concept of an audit review must have seemed as remote as a visit from a group of Martians. Indeed, the visits from the monitoring bodies do appear occasionally to be seen as such. Small practitioners have always been difficult to control by the main professional bodies. They have been very effective at putting up a protective screen of: "you're all from big firms in London so what do you know about us". This traditional cry from the grassroots against central regulation suffers from a sort of Passport to Pimlico romanticism involving the put-upon, honest small businessman being dictated to by arrogant and blasé windbags from the metropolis. The truth would appear different. Audit regulators, while always fearing the worst, have been privately staggered at how bad so much of the audit work at the small end of the market has proved to be. For the Certified accountants, it has also been galling to find that the quietly dozy and be-cardiganed members of the doomed association of authorised public accountants, which they took under their wing as a result of the 1989 Companies Act, have proved to be even worse. Barely 45 per cent of Certified firms visited proved entirely satisfactory but only four of 49 AAPA firms. A further seven were deemed unacceptable, 25 not satisfactory and 13 reasonable. This is not, at first glance, heartening.

John Redwood, then the minister, pointed out at the schemes' inception, "I regard the educational process as one of the main benefits from the new regime". That is the strength of the first year's experience. The stupendously inefficient will either be chucked out, or quietly melt away. At the small end of the market, those firms remaining now know exactly what is required. Becoming efficient and organised in the conduct of their work might well have a knock-on effect in the rest of their business abilities.

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Shrewd KPMG operator

ARE KPMG Peat Marwick's central London offices set to end their days as a hospital? Anything is possible after the appointment this week of Sheila Masters, one of the firm's most influential partners, to the policy board of the National Health Service. The appointment is the fourth public sector post for Masters, who was accountancy adviser to the Treasury from 1979-81 and director of finance to the NHS from 1988-91, a period when the controversial NHS reforms were thrashed out. "I found it fascinating," says Masters, who spends much of her time plotting KPMG's strategic development.

Power play

DUNCAN Whyte, managing partner of Arthur Andersen in the early eighties, is leap-frogging his way through the ranks of Scottish Power. Whyte, who joined South of Scotland Electricity Board, the company's predecessor, in 1988, has been made chief operating officer, electricity supply, which takes in generation and regulatory issues, among other things.

High Flyer hunt

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	25	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	286	-2	16.5	7.7	28.4
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	63	...	10.5	...	...
76	18	NSM	75	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	116 †	...	...	9.2	...
327	146	Persimmon	198	+1	8.6	5.8	16.3
36	19	Phoenix Timber	29	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1425	...	28.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	83	...	3.4	5.5	...
23	5½	Quilligotti	5	...	...	...	...
659	383	RMC Gp	567	+5	20.0	4.7	21.1
137	67	Raine Ind	96	-1	6.0	8.3	16.0
96	23	Ransom	32	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	438	+4	25.0	7.6	22.3
101	61	Rockel	73	...	4.3	7.8	9.8
248	152	Rugby Group	217	-1	6.4	4.0	16.4
46	25	Smlll-Rvsa	32	+5	...	...	5.8
98	53	Sharpe & Fisher	74	...	4.0	7.2	...
132	70	Sheffield Insl	132	+3	3.4	3.5	34.2
85	53	Sheriff Hldgs	88	...	...	3.1	12.7
88	53	Shorco	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
272	188	Stanton	222	...	8.3	5.1	30.1
15	6	Summit	6½	...	0.3	6.2	7.8
161	51	Tarmac	105	...	5.5	7.0	43.4
236	120	Tay Homes	157	+3	5.8	5.0	8.7
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	71	-1	9.5	...	10.0
688	306	Tilbury Dougls	432	...	33.0	9.6	15.1
48	18	Tomi Hires	22 †	...	...	2.4	...
238	105	Travis Perkins	172	-4	8.0	6.2	24.3
58	20	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	62	...	3.6	7.7	11.4
55	12	Ward Hldgs	20	...	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
455	266	Watts Blake	408	-5	9.3	3.0	21.2
19	9	Wescol	12	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	94	+1	...	6.0	...
18	5	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	378	...	8.7	3.1	19.4
221	96	Wilson (C)	151	-3	3.9	3.5	23.9
189	65	Wimpey G	112	-2	...	6.3	43.1
61	26	YRM	30	-1	4.0	17.8	3.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	478	+15	...	...	...
248	193	Adams & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.9	3.3
127	53	Air London	66	...	...	7.1	8.1
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	83	Amo Sec	140	...	4.9	4.7	11.4
208	80	BET Ord	97	+2	...	8.9	14.2
100	41	BNB Res	53	...	4.9	12.3	6.2
328	208	BPP	308	+5	6.9	3.0	17.4
285	178	Barbour Index	285 †	...	7.3	3.4	21.1
30½	13	Boustead	16	...	0.7	5.8	22.7
309	111	Brit Data Mgt	205	-3	...	2.6	17.1
14	9	Broadcastlce	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	104	...	2.4	3.1	11.9
437	282	Capita Group	433	-4	5.4	1.7	24.9
36	19	Cathet Plc	34½	...	0.5	1.9	13.1
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	47½	-½	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
255	180	Chubb Sec	255	+2	...	1.5	28.2
45	18	Comsoc	25	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	9½	+½	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	51	...	3.3	8.6	3.8
216	145	Davis Service	204	...	7.9	5.2	13.5
115	85	EW Parks	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	12½	...	1.3	13.9	3.9
48	21	Gardner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
239	163	Hays	228½	-½	4.6	2.7	22.5
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	213	...	6.3	3.9	16.0
149½	43	Holmes Protecn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hutch Whamp	138	-3	...	...	14.8
£101	6837½	ISS B DKr	9737½	...	...	1.1	13.8
576	375	Inchcape	536	-7	12.5	3.1	22.8
735	561	Johnson Clean	734	...	25.7	4.7	15.3
18½	2½	Lep	7½	+½	...	...	...
210	168	Mtle Gp	194	+1	2.7	1.9	15.9
992	682	Manpower	904	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	42½	+1	1.8	5.6	11.8
227	88	Pennan	222	...	...	1.2	57.5
5½	4	Prime Peoples	4½	...	...	...	...
396	68	Prontiont Alex	91	...	19.5	28.6	1.9
453	355	RCO	410	+10	12.8	4.6	–
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Rellance Secs	142	+1	...	4.2	14.3
13	4	Restaurateurs	4 #	...	...	...	...
218	134	Rentokil	216	-1	1.6	1.0	31.7
240	188	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
354	254	Salvesen (C)	350	-3	7.0	2.7	19.4
43	25	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.7	8.0
190	98	Securiguard	184	...	8.5	6.2	10.0
12	1½	Select Appt	5	...	...	...	...
765	555	Serco Gp	755	+2	11.9	2.1	26.2
285	132	Sherwd Cmpt	254	...	...	3.1	6.8
157	82½	Stockley	116	...	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	270	Warner Howrd	354	...	5.9	2.2	20.0
81	42½	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
15½	7½	WSS Gp	15½	...	0.1	0.9	19.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	230	+2	3.9	2.3	18.3
681	413	Amersham	680	+1	12.5	2.5	25.2
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9025	7362½	BASF DM	8575	-25	...	8.6	...
280	200	BTP	231	-1	8.8	5.1	16.9
£112	9050	Bayer DM50	£108½	+71½	...	4.9	...
248	126	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.6	10.6
158	115	Brent Chems	145	-1	7.3	6.7	66.6
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	445	+3	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	27	+1	2.5	12.8	6.8
179	112	Canning (W)	132	...	7.2	7.4	10.6
610	371	Courtaulds	538	-6	13.0	3.2	14.6
244	142	Croda	243	-1	7.3	4.1	18.5
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	-2	7.0	5.1	16.9
16½	7	Evtn Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
131	43	Evode	126 †	-2	3.5	3.8	–
274	171	Halstead (J)	274	...	...	2.9	14.6
222	158	Hickson	201	...	7.8	5.2	12.8
£103	7537½	Hoechst	£103	+212½	...	7.2	...
1410	975	ICI	1097	+1	55.0	6.7	28.5
660	434	Laporte	623	-10	18.9	4.0	16.8
328	138	Leigh	214	+4	7.8	4.9	17.5
280	11	MTM	13½	...	1.8	...	2.7
1550	1100	Norsk Hydro	1550	...	...	2.1	...
400	350	Paterson Zoch	389	+1	11.4	3.9	16.8
395	355	-do- 'A'	368	+1	11.4	4.1	15.9
301	231	Plysu	277	...	6.0	2.9	18.7
183	130	Porvair	183	...	...	2.4	19.0
11	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	10	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	457	-6	16.0	4.7	18.4
425	270	Wolstnhime R	420	...	16.3	5.2	18.5
397	253	Yorks Chem	394	...	...	2.5	20.6
273	224	Yule Catto	266	+1	5.4	2.7	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	66	-2	...	0.1	3.6
109	23	Amber Day	48	-1	3.1	8.6	13.2
306	190	Argos Plc	279	+14	6.4	3.1	19.4
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	74	-4	0.1	0.2	77.4
298	180	Asprey	295	...	...	2.2	24.0
340	180	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	+3	5.7	5.1	14.3
144	74	Bentalls	103	...	3.8	5.0	58.1
245	88	Betterware	245	+5	...	0.7	23.8
114	22	Blacks Leis	22	-1	3.3	...	3.6
371	135	Body Shop	144	+1	1.6	1.5	16.6
13½	3	Brown & Jacksn	12½	...	...	...	...
333	260	Brown (N)	330	...	6.0	2.4	20.4
83½	30	Burton	73 †	+2	2.0	3.7	...
330	126	Cantors	133	...	...	2.7	39.4
398	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	105	...	3.7	4.8	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	214	...	7.0	4.4	24.5
163	77	Colourvision	105	-1	...	...	17.3
394	300	Courts Furnish	394	...	5.0	1.7	19.7
252	100	Crown Eyes	145	...	...	5.5	6.7
111	65	Dalry Farm Ind	98	-1	...	...	17.3
55	27½	Dewhirst (I)	55	...	0.7	1.7	18.2
286	170	Dixons Grp	233 †	+8	6.0	3.4	22.4
495	355	Dunhill	378	-5	7.7	2.7	13.1
33	13	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
780	495	Elys (Wimbldn)	495	...	16.0	4.3	11.0
97	36½	Essex Furn	91	...	...	4.0	18.2
258	199	Etam	218	-1	6.6	4.0	19.5
519	340	Fine Art Dev	500	...	11.0	2.9	19.2
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	41	+1	4.0	...	30.0
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
32	5	French Conn	32	+4	...	...	...
75	29	Gabbicci	32	-1	...	8.3	6.4
69	39	Gent SR	43	...	2.0	6.2	12.6
34	18	Goldsmiths Gp	34	...	1.8	...	...
2425	1800	GUS	2413	...	40.0	2.2	19.1
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1585	-18	40.0	3.4	12.5
75	30	Hampden Grp	40	...	...	6.7	5.7
283	123	Hartstone	231	+1	4.8	2.8	14.1
35	6½	Helene Plc	27½	...	2.0	11.4	10.3
40	18	Heritage	39	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	43	...	...	3.1	7.2
168	130	Hse of Lerose	143	...	10.3	9.6	21.7
195	40	Jacques Vert	65	...	2.0	...	...
598	414	Kingfisher	540	-3	13.0	3.2	16.2
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	63	...	4.0	8.5	10.6
675	405	Liberty	675	...	7.2	1.4	46.0
373	142	Lloyds Chem	274	...	5.5	2.7	10.8
152	90½	MFI	133	+2	...	3.8	17.7
344	266	Marks Spencer	317	+5	7.1	3.0	19.3
474	319	Menzies (John)	454	...	10.0	2.9	16.2
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
153½	57	Next	150	+2½	0.7	0.7	29.6
85	15	Oliver (G)	16	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oddisms Ind	214 †	...	...	3.6	13.9
142	49	Pentos	54	-1	2.7	6.9	6.4
53½	3½	Pepe Group	3½	...	...	...	0.3
279	202	QS Hldgs	275	...	4.7	2.3	21.3
19	7	Ratners Group	15½	+¼	2.4	21.5	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp	25	-1	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	159	...	...	1.9	15.3
113	54	Sears	101	+1	...	4.6	27.7
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	445	...	13.4	4.0	14.5
29	13½	Specialeyes	13½	...	...	...	...
214	87	Storehouse	213	+1	5.0	3.1	...
186	153	T & S Stores	186	...	5.5	3.9	12.1
87	27	Tie Rack	87	+3	0.5	0.8	...
187	132	Time Products	187	+9	7.5	5.3	18.3
86	47	Usher (Frank)	76	...	...	8.8	7.5
35	23	Vivat	28	...	...	...	77.3
58	28	Wengama	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	92	-1	...	...	...
70	28	Wid of Leather	56	...	...	...	65.0
205	102½	Wyevale	151	...	...	3.3	16.8
7	3	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	3.2

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
100	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
180	128	ACT Group	171	+3	4.5	3.5	16.8
231	195	Arala	223	...	...	3.5	18.7
74	8	Acorn Comp	62	+1	...	...	...
406	299	Admiral	406	+1	4.8	1.6	18.5
138	94	Alba	109	...	4.7	5.9	14.2
75	7	Alphameric	20½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	23½	...	...	0.4	2.3
141	83	App Holo	123	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
39	12	Aztec	39	+½	...	...	...
292	216	Bowles Rumar	275	-11	8.2	4.5	14.4
20	1½	Bennett & Fount	7½	+½	...	...	...
361	207	BICC	344	-1	19.2	7.5	20.1
498	314	Bick	497	...	9.2	2.5	–
4575	1150	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
280	208	Bowthorpe	281	-2	6.0	2.9	19.2
418½	305	BT	380½	+3	14.4	5.0	13.9
315	212	BT New	275	+1	14.4	5.1	11.9
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	6	...	0.1	2.2	...
226	90	Burnfield	115	+3	...	6.7	16.5
722	489	Cable Wireless	720	+12	13.2	2.5	22.2
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
333	205	CML Micro	240	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	83	...	5.4	...	10.7
26	8	Cranbrock	8	...	...	...	...
138	60½	Cray Elect	134 †	-1	...	0.5	11.0
506	331	Delta	435	-3	14.0	4.3	17.2
280	148	Dencora Ele	270 †	...	...	3.0	–
491	375	Domino	470	...	6.2	1.8	18.5
56	43	Dowding Mills	54	...	2.5	6.2	17.8
2085	750	Druck	1920 †	+3	...	1.4	22.5
375	233	Electrocomps	359	...	7.0	2.6	19.4
545	286	El Data Pro	485	...	5.1	1.4	–
58	28	Electron House	54	-2	2.3	5.9	16.1
29½	7	Emess	11	...	1.0	...	...
504	282	Eurotherm	504	+9	8.0	2.1	–
116	51	FKI	111	...	2.3	2.8	31.5
367	227	Farnell Elect	342	-2	5.8	2.3	18.6
44	18	Feedback	34	+1	...	...	...
13	3½	Ferranti	11½	-½	...	...	...
13	30	First Tech	103	...	...	...	...
85	71	Forward Gp	85	...	...	3.9	10.2
25½	10	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
288	183	GEC	288½	+1	9.6	4.6	14.2
227	102	Gaseby	138	...	10.9	10.5	12.0
57	38	Hildsen	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
452	305	Hoskyns Gp	432	...	2.4	0.7	–
135	65	INSTEM	87	...	...	6.4	5.5

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Nt	351½	-1½	10.5	4.0	12.1
191	154	Allied Irish	185	...	...	6.4	10.6
197½	106	Aus New Z	131	-2	...	6.9	...
3443¼	1906½	Bankamerica	3443¾	+243½	...	...	...
200	141	Bk of Ireland	153	-1	...	6.5	20.2
345	320	Bk Leuml UK	325	...	...	7.5	...
130	97	Bank Scotland	124	+3	4.3	4.7	19.5
430	274	Barclays	397	+19	21.1	7.1	...
6	1½	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	42	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	18½	+1½	...	...	...
428	295	Cater Allen	412	...	26.0	8.4	...
95	61	Cattles	90	+1	3.8	5.6	13.2
1962½	912½	Chase Manh	1925	-37½	...	...	...
1587½	537½	Citicorp	1587½	+62½	...	...	...
284	205	Close Bros	284	+2	9.5	4.5	12.6
£100¼	8687½	Commerzbk	£100¼	+125	...	3.9	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£260	+100	...	2.3	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	71	...	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	888	-12	...	0.5	54.3
380	230	Gerrard Nat	372	+3	21.0	7.5	...
570	236	HSBC	527	+3½	...	3.7	21.7
577	313	HSBC HK	509½	+2	...	3.9	20.9
292	202	Hambros	260	+1	13.8	7.1	11.5
353	308	Joseph (L)	333	...	15.8	6.0	...
109	54	King Shaxson	109	...	5.0	6.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	315	-1	16.0	6.8	27.6
549	346	Lloyds	499	...	18.7	4.5	14.9
64	40	Lon Scot Bk	63	...	2.7	5.8	14.0
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	326	-2	...	6.2	–
435	251	Nat West	415	+10	17.5	5.6	57.3
710	418	Provident	710	+7	25.0	4.7	16.2
44	25	Rea Bros	44	+1	0.5	1.5	...
216	137	Ryl Bk Scot	214	+5	8.8	5.5	...
1463	1043	Schroders	1463	+15	18.0	1.6	17.0
630	364	Stand Chart	630	+28	20.0	4.2	16.3
166	115	TSB	166	+6	6.4	5.2	–
200	38	Union Disc	88	...	13.5	...	...
605	403	Warburg SG	550	...	18.0	4.4	16.3
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	193	-1	...	4.1	...
6437½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6437½	+887½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	121	...	...	6.7	–
253	188	Wintrust	190	...	9.3	6.5	7.3

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	590	-12	20.0	4.5	13.7
656	472	Bass	582	+3	18.9	4.3	12.7
205	146	Boddington	196	+1	6.6	4.5	12.4
400	263	Bulmer (HP)	369	+1	9.0	3.3	17.0
143	111	Burtonwd Brw	137	+2	4.4	4.3	10.0
291	194	Devenish (JA)	282	-3	7.8	3.7	–
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.8	23.8
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	59	...	...	2.3	–
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	358	...	...	2.5	15.0
518	360	Grand Met	425	-1	...	3.9	14.3
434½	282	Greenalls Grp	410	+2	...	3.8	15.7
530	405	Greene King	515	+1	11.6	3.0	13.4
644	463	Guinness	465	-2	10.8	3.1	13.3
346	245	Hardy Hansn	276 †	...	7.8	3.8	–
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	283	...	6.0	3.0	17.5
48	21	Hoskins Brew	33	...	...	...	23.8
315	264	Invergordn Dist	276	-11	6.5	3.1	13.5
220	151	Macallan-Glen	183	+1	0.7	0.6	36.9
620	380	Mactn Marst 'A'	420	...	8.8	2.8	13.2
720	515	Mansfield	676	-2	13.6	2.7	14.5
259	166	Mrstn Thmp	242	...	4.9	2.7	14.2
477	304	Matthew Clrk	430	-5	15.7	5.0	12.7
351	195	Mrydwn W	295	...	...	2.8	21.3
493	330	Morland	485	+2	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Paramount	6½	...	...	2.1	11.5
1020	665	SA Breweries	793	-30	...	3.4	–
492	380	Scot & New	443	-1	16.1	4.8	12.1
200	145	Taunton Cider	190	-1	...	3.7	17.7
238	148	Vaux Group	222	-1	9.3	5.6	15.3
233	185	Wetherspoon JD	229	-1	...	2.8	18.5
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	452	-12	16.9	5.0	12.7
1436	1095	-do- 'B'	1095	-55	16.9	2.1	30.8
400	510	Wolvrhmptn D	565	-5	11.4	2.7	–
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	60	Abbey	90	...	...	1.6	30.7
26	9	Albrighton	13	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	95	...	...	10.2	10.8
182	53	Amec	65	...	10.2	...	6.0
27	2½	Anglia Sec	4½	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	170	...	4.1	3.2	22.8
151	100	Atwoods	133	...	5.0	5.0	19.2
203	123	BPB Ind	186	+2	11.2	...	47.3
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	69	+3	3.1	6.0	22.2
27	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	24	...	0.5	3.1	...
118	68	Barcom	83	...	1.2	2.0	15.1
104	34	Barratt Devs	100	+1	2.0	2.7	11.1
333	193	Bellway	333	+3	11.5	4.6	18.4
30	14	Bellwinch	20	+1	...	...	...
345	180	Berkeley Gp	320	+2	5.0	2.1	21.2
100	46	Bett Bros	46	...	...	...	1.9
89	27	Blockleys	44	...	3.3	...	43.7
294½	121	Blue Circle	202	-2	11.2	7.4	20.2
240	140½	Boot (Henry)	240	...	...	3.0	13.1
108	62	Breedon PLC	100	...	4.6	6.1	19.4
132	66	Br Dredging	87	...	7.4	11.3	11.3
122	42	Brit Fittings	68	...	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	101	...	4.8	6.3	20.0
80	38	CALA	63	...	2.3	4.9	...
249	187	CRH	209	-4	...	4.5	11.0
48	14	Cakebread Rby	40	...	...	...	...
82	10½	Cassain	26	+2	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	98	-1	4.1	5.8	–
66	23	Crest Nicholson	38	...	0.0	...	...
58	14	Cussins	29	...	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton	3½	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	1.4	...	7.0
211	132	Epwin	184	...	...	4.8	15.2
54	23	Erith	35	...	2.0	...	...
257	220	Eve Group	256	...	...	5.1	9.2
88	25	Evered Bardon	45	...	5.6	...	24.3
19	3	Expamet	5	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	97	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	48	...	4.3	11.9	19.3
98	73	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	705	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	93	-1	3.1	4.5	19.6
63	28	Hewetson	33	...	2.6	...	32.4
22	15	Hey & Croft	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wms	195	-3	12.5	8.5	17.9
106	29	Higgs & Hill	58	+6	9.0	...	8.4
39	23	How Gp	28	...	2.5	...	9.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	16	...	0.5	4.2	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	40	-6	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	19½	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	202	-5	9.0	5.9	10.5
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	80	Ln Clydeside	83	...	...	11.2	6.2
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	11	+½	...	...	5.0
295	180	Manders	264	...	7.0	3.5	18.4
148	57	Marley	95	...	4.2	5.9	24.0
97	47	Marshalls	61	-1	...	10.8	20.7
155	101	Maunders (J)	123	-2	4.9	5.4	11.2
219	76	McAlpine (A)	98	...	10.3	...	6.8

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	421 †	+2	17.1	5.4	8.1
439	266	Eastern Elect	421 †	+3	16.7	5.3	10.4
263	143	Hydro-Elec	235	-4	10.1	4.5	10.7
465	298	London Elect	444	+1	16.8	5.0	8.5
513	324	Manweb	494	+5	18.3	4.9	7.1
483	287	Midlands Elec	468 †	...	17.2	4.9	9.8
490	285	Northern Elec	473 †	...	18.5	5.2	7.1
494	298	Norweb	480 †	+1	17.7	4.9	9.0
249	142	Scottish Power	218 †	-3	10.1	4.7	10.7
475	287	Seeboard	466	+2	17.2	4.9	8.4
539	313	Sth Wales	515	+5	19.4	5.0	8.2
474	295	Sth Western	452 †	-3	17.4	5.1	8.1
457	270	Southern Elec	446	-3	16.6	5.0	8.8
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	496	+2	17.7	4.8	9.2
294½	186	National Powr	285 †	-2	9.1	4.3	9.4
297	196	PowerGen	282 †	+1	9.2	4.2	9.1

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	56	-1	0.5	...	35.8
65	37½	BWD	62	-1	...	6.5	8.7
124	23	Baltic Plc	32	...	4.3	...	2.8
453	298	Caledonia	420	-1	14.4	4.5	16.5
1950	1050	Camellia	1200	...	27.0	3.0	10.1
280	203	Candover	250	-1	9.5	5.1	20.7
91	48	Fleming	83	...	...	...	8.2
156	103	Govett	155	...	...	3.9	4.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	126	...	...	6.6	13.3
6½	3½	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
156	110	Lon Forfaltng	155	...	...	6.6	13.5
84	14	Manakin	69	...	...	...	...
7	1½	Nat Home Loan	3½	...	...	...	...
41	24	Newmarket	40	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	253	-1	...	2.6	17.9
19	9½	Ruland Tst	17	...	0.8	6.3	9.7
330	120	S & U	313	...	...	3.5	11.3
45	21	Silvermines	26	...	11.3	...	...
54	34	Singer & Fried	54	...	2.5	6.2	11.9
863	575	Stafhellys	825	...	4.6	...	...
93	73	SIP Capital	84	...	3.0	4.8	15.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1659¼	1043½	Amer Express	1649¾	-3½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	184	-1	6.7	4.9	–
873	535	Henderson Ad	840	...	41.0	6.5	18.5
100	50	Invesco MIM	97	-1	...	4.1	14.2
223	121	Jardine Strat	183	...	...	3.6	8.9
174	105½	MAI	159	+1	6.0	5.0	11.6
428	244	MAM	401	-8	11.5	3.8	16.0
665	460	M & G	641	-3	20.0	4.2	17.1
133	81	Smith New Ct	116	...	4.5	5.1	4.7
98	57	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	494 †	-4	14.0	3.8	11.3
66	22½	ASDA Group	66	+1½	2.1	...	16.9
178	75	Acatos & Hutch	174	...	6.5	5.1	–
83	31	Albert Fisher	69	-1	3.7	7.2	11.5
432	273	Argyll	388	-3	9.7	3.4	15.3
51	11	Ashley Group	22½	...	0.7	4.4	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	137	...	7.0	6.8	25.3
180	143	Banks & C	184	...	8.2	6.1	9.1
341	200	Barr (AG)	333 †	...	6.5	2.6	–
117	74	Bensons Crsps	78	...	...	4.9	8.3
27½	10	Berisford Intl	12	-1	...	...	...
480	312	Booker	413	+4	21.7	7.0	12.6
44	28	Borthwick	36	...	1.1	4.1	35.1
474	334	Brake Bros	451	...	5.7	1.7	18.9
51	31	Budgen	44	...	...	...	15.0
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	468	+4	12.5	3.4	17.2
107	64	Carrs Milling	83	+1	3.9	6.3	16.6
210	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	171	-1	11.5	9.0	8.1
186	140	Cranswick	185	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	10½	...	0.5	6.3	13.9
435	275	Dalepak	310	...	8.0	2.6	13.9
487	352	Dalgety	482	-4	19.5	5.4	10.8
54	27	Daniels S	30	...	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	42½	Everest	129	...	...	3.6	15.4
285	234	Fitch Lovell / Farepak	285	+3	...	2.3	20.2
16	3	Faringdon	7	...	...	...	...
81	53	Finlay (James)	80	...	4.1	6.9	15.0
93	68	Fyffes	81	-2	...	2.0	10.5
440	249	Geest	374	...	7.9	2.8	14.2
12	5	Global	8½	+½	...	7.8	7.8
48	34	Grand Central	44 †	+1	1.1	3.5	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	156	-2	6.1	5.2	9.5
200	68	Hillsdown	146	+1	8.8	8.0	8.8
61	27	Hunter Saphir	36 #	+4	2.5	...	...
672	412	Iceland Frozen	636	+4	8.5	1.8	17.0
142	103	JLI Group	116	...	4.5	5.2	16.7
827	514	Kwik Save	794	+3	16.0	2.7	16.6
286½	169	Low (Wm)	254	...	8.4	4.4	12.3
74	29	Matthews (B)	54	-3	4.5	...	11.4
33	9	Merchant Retail	16 †	...	1.2	10.0	38.2
177	83½	Morrison (W)	167	+2	...	0.5	28.2
515	318	Nichols (JN)	473	...	12.3	3.5	13.5
317½	215	Nthn Foods	267	...	...	3.9	14.7
40	11	Nthmbrn Fine	16	+1	...	6.3	6.7
193	132	Nurdin Peack	187	-1	5.5	4.0	12.7
223	78½	Park Foods	218	-3	3.2	2.0	26.1
153	45	Perkins Food	89	-1	4.3	6.4	7.7
301	130	RHM	280	+7	...	6.4	14.8
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
582	337	Sainsbury J	561	+2	8.7	2.1	20.9
61	35	Senny Finns	35	...	...	5.8	8.2
340	175	Sims Food	206	...	11.2	7.3	11.1
443	285	Tate & Lyle	402	-4	12.0	4.0	14.8
286	194½	Tesco	267	-2	6.3	3.1	12.7
330	152	Thorntons	201	...	3.6	2.4	18.7
133	83	Treats	130	...	...	...	...
368	192	Unigate	330	+6	15.3	6.2	11.8
440	222	Utd Biscuits	353	-2	15.2	5.8	12.3
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
353	205	Watson & Phil	287 †	-7	13.3	6.2	–

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29	16	Alexin Stk H	16	...	...	...	...
80	52	Cty Centre Rest	79	+1	1.4	2.5	22.1
282	112	Forte	183	+1	8.9	7.2	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	170	-3	5.5	4.3	13.6
12	5	Harmony Leis	8½	...	...	...	...
267	126	Ladbroke	193	+4	11.1	7.7	15.9
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	64	-1	...	4.9	18.4
92	26	Queens Moat	33	+½	2.8	7.3	7.1
116	51½	-do- 7½% cvpr	92½	+½	7.5	10.8	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	40	-1	3.4	11.9	7.6
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Simpsons Cns	36	...	...	...	...
44	23	Stakis	37	...	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	9.8
616	492	AAH	579	-17	16.3	3.6	18.4
203	122	AIM	165	-6	6.5	5.3	10.1
136	76	APV	124	...	5.4	5.8	22.6
185	50	ASW	100	...	9.0	...	18.9
159	86	Adwest	127	...	7.0	6.8	19.5
33	5	Aerospace Eng	11	...	1.0	...	4.5
464	253	Airsprung	464	+2	7.5	2.2	12.0
115	38	Alexdra W	114	...	3.6	4.2	61.6
23	11½	Allied Radio	11½	...	...	...	...
458	398	Alumasc	438	...	11.0	3.2	14.0
62	9	Alvis	26	...	1.0	5.1	–
400	308	Amber Ind	395	...	17.0	5.7	10.6
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
140	125	Andrews Sykes	140	...	4.4	4.2	19.9
708	503	Antofagasta	705	...	...	2.7	17.2
41½	29½	Armour	37½	...	1.4	5.3	11.0
165	123	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.3	13.3
3	1½	Ass Br Eng	2½	-½	0.0	2.4	...
487	300	Avon Rubber	485	...	16.5	4.5	–
178	105	Assoc Nursgs	176	...	...	...	6.7
860	445	Atlas Equipmt	820	...	...	4.3	12.8
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	48	...	...	...	...
170	107	BBA	158	-1	7.5	6.3	20.3
53	34	BLP Group	38	...	...	...	...
88	52	BM Gp	60	-1	5.0	11.1	2.5
774	583	BOC	742	-9	23.2	4.2	18.6
77½	51½	BSG	69½	+1½	3.2	6.2	18.6
422	296	BSS Group	418	+7	...	5.5	16.7
561	381	BTR	535	...	16.5	4.1	18.8
200	115	BWI	203	-2	6.7	4.4	22.4
35	26½	Babcock	34	-1	3.1	...	7.1
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	6½	-1	...	...	...
266	193	Baird (Wm)	245	...	8.9	4.8	15.7
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	600	-18½	...	6.3	3.1
62	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
65	37	Baynes (Charles)	54	+1	1.3	3.3	17.2
35	10	Beanford	10	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	20	...	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	21½	...	0.1	0.6	20.1
628	444	Bespak	628 †	+12	8.0	1.9	19.6
181	109	Bibby (J)	124	+1	9.7	11.1	6.9
146	84	Billam (J)	140	...	4.2	3.8	6.7

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
841	482	Com Union	836	+7	29.6	5.1	...
1325	900	Dam & Gen	1325	...	...	1.8	21.9
31	18	Eal	20	...	...	...	...
605	356	Gen Accident	585	...	28.7	6.5	...
188	108	GRE	164	+2	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	340	+3	16.0	6.3	20.0
188	106	Hogg Gp	176	...	8.1	6.2	20.7
208	102	HII Group	178	...	...	5.6	13.1
444	287	Legal & Gen	439	+2	11.8	5.7	...
886	557	Liberty Life	858	+11	...	5.1	20.9
467	295	Lloyds Abbey	428	+14	12.3	3.4	14.3
261	160	Lloyd Thomp	255	...	5.6	2.9	18.6
296	205	Londn & Man	285	...	13.5	6.3	21.9
357	224	Lowndes Lmb	357	+7	12.6	4.7	14.2
6187½	3931¼	Marsh Mcln	5812½	-25	...	2.9	...
154	94	Octel	96	-1	...	7.1	6.0
81	30	PWS	81	+2	4.0	6.7	12.4
303	199	Prudential	303	...	13.0	5.0	25.4
830	564	Refuge	830	+5	28.0	4.7	32.2
294	118	Royal	227	+8	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	172	...	6.0	4.7	18.5
321	162	Stnd Burrill	225	...	13.2	7.9	14.2
133	53	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	8.2	17.6	6.3
358	214	Sun Alliance	326	-3	14.2	5.8	...
39	20	Trade Indemnty	33	...	...	...	...
257	165	Transatlantic	256	...	...	6.3	17.9
520	305	Utd Friendly	519	+1	12.3	3.2	26.3
274	144	Willis Corroon	184	...	13.2	9.6	20.6
21	14	Windsor	18	...	...	...	–

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1578	1218	Alliance	1550	-1	43.0	3.7	38.0
234	152	Amer Trust	228	-1	4.8	2.8	48.3
316	229	Ang & O'seas	307	-1	6.4	2.8	46.0
128	69½	BZW Conv	128	...	7.8	8.1	15.0
136	104	Baillie Gifford	135½	+½	3.4	3.4	–
286	210	Baring Tribne	284	-1	6.2	3.1	42.5
122	116	Berry Starq	135	...	2.0	2.0	45.6
100	71½	Br Assets	97	-1	4.1	5.8	23.7
59	46½	Br Empire Sec	58	...	0.8	2.0	38.9
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14	...	...	...	...
159½	121	Br Inv	152	...	4.3	3.8	39.4
1549	1200	City & Comm	1490	-5	...	...	...
166	125	Cont-Asset	133	...	1.2	1.3	87.4
230	168	Derby Inc	191	...	18.4	...	10.4
200	140	-do- Cap	195	...	...	...	...
101	65	Drayton Asia	95	...	0.7	1.0	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	85	...	8.4	18.0	7.0
99	50	-do- Eng Intl	98	+1	1.2	4.2	33.7
91	61	-do- Far East	87	...	0.6	1.0	...
101	85	-do- Korea	95	...	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	525	-1	25.4	5.9	23.5
532	407	-do- Wrldw	514	-1	9.5	2.5	53.0
278	206	Dundee & Lon	231	...	12.0	6.0	21.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.8	8.5
52½	40½	-do- (Dly Pf)	52½	...	...	...	...
262	190	Edinburgh	252	...	8.0	4.3	39.8
149	107	Electric Gen	146	...	3.1	2.9	45.8
90	65	English Scot	84	...	...	...	...
224	185	European Asset	206	-1	...	3.2	38.7
106	66	Fidelity 'A'	88	...	3.0	4.5	28.3
863	162	Fidelity Asset	853	+2	1.2	0.7	...
388	202	-do- Claver	382	...	10.5	3.7	37.7
230	123	Fo Child	218	...	2.8	1.2	...
182	119	-do- Emrg	151	...	4.5	4.0	33.9
222	157	-do- F East	215	-1	1.5	0.9	...
271	196	-do- Hldg	254	...	3.0	1.4	...
173	81	-do- Int Inc	170	...	5.8	7.2	18.5
164	103	-do- Japan	159	-2	0.3	0.3	...
304	212	-do- Nmrs	293½	+½	8.7	3.5	36.3
220	165½	-do- Omar	214	+½	4.0	2.3	52.1
212	150	Foreign & Col	204	...	...	2.8	50.3
173	144	-do- Eurost	168	...	1.2	1.0	...
100	71	-do- Germany	89	...	0.4	0.6	...
194	134	-do- Pacific	192	...	1.7	1.2	...
119	79	-do- Equaliser	118½	...	...	2.1	60.2
205	122	GT Japan	148	-3	...	1.0	...
108	49	Govett Gtr	73	+3	...	...	...
138	96	-do- Inc	114	...	...	11.0	10.6
128	83	Govett Asn Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
135	128	-do- Oriental	128	-1	0.9	0.6	...
238	150	-do- Strategy	232	...	6.7	4.2	39.3
357	285	Greenfriar	346	...	6.1	2.4	–
16	14	Gryphon House	16	...	...	...	...
52	32	Independent Inv	49	...	0.5	1.3	78.4
160	95	Inv Cap	125½	...	3.1	3.4	25.2
130	98	Inv Tst Smllr	128	...	2.8	3.2	19.6
163	120	Kleinwort Chtr	157	...	5.0	4.3	...
184	154	-do- O'seas	178	...	5.2	2.4	53.6
121	80	-do- Sml	111	...	...	4.8	21.9
583	435	Lon Trustee	544	...	...	0.4	28.0
168	133½	Majedie	165	...	...	3.6	31.0
233	170	Merchants	221 †	-1	...	6.4	20.4
4837½	3437½	Merrill Lynch	4125 †	-37½	...	...	...
394	296	Monks Inv Tst	383	...	6.7	2.3	26.6
169	61	Morg Gren Inc	105	...	3.4	4.4	27.8
24	17	Do Warrants	23	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	40	...	0.4	1.6	...

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS (continued)

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10	4½	Do Wts	6	...	...	5.0	21.5
292	223	Murray Income	280	...	...	5.7	23.6
279	215	-do- Intl	267	...	4.0	2.0	57.8
267	213	-do- Small	267	...	...	14.4	–
101	89	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	...	...
86	51	-do- S/C Cap	73	...	...	5.0	–
2880	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2850	...	...	...	...
146	113½	-do- S/C DF	145½	+½	10.3	6.0	18.1
254	189	-do- Vent	230	...	0.2	0.8	78.5
60	44½	New Frontier	57½	...	6.7	17.3	10.2
103	61	Nwtarug Inc	73	...	2.8	1.5	71.9
250	187	O'seas Inv Tst	232	-1	1.0	0.5	...
301	173	Pacific Assets	285	...	...	...	...
207½	80	Do Warrants	195	-1	1.6	2.8	45.7
82	57	Personal Assets	76½	-1	1.1	1.5	45.3
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	100	...	...	10.6	...
118	96	River & Merc	116	...	...	3.3	...
352	273	Robeco	350	...	...	2.2	...
350	268	Rolinco	346	...	7.5	4.6	30.9
234	194	St Andrew Inv	220	...	...	4.4	30.4
136	108	Scot American	138	+½	...	...	...
853	428	Scot Asian	717	...	1.4	3.0	45.2
67	40	-do- Eastern	64	+½	4.6	3.3	–
218	147	Scottish	194	...	3.9	2.9	42.1
184½	135	-do- Mtgs	170	...	...	3.4	52.0
77½	48	-do- Value	71½	...	...	3.5	37.5
1433	1066	Second Alliance	1395	+2	38.5	3.5	35.0
77½	61	Secd Tst of Scot	75	...	3.2	1.0	...
114	78½	Selective Asset	113	...	0.8	...	...
20	9½	Sphere Inv	14	...	...	29.5	4.0
118	76	TR Far East	117	...	4.5	5.1	25.7
131½	97½	TR City Of Lon	129½	...	4.7	5.0	26.6
134	70	TR Pacific	112	...	0.3	...	...
27	14½	TR Property	18½	...	1.4	...	54.6
48	18	TR Tech Inv	47	...	1.7	3.0	23.3
152	96	TR Smlr Cos	148	...	3.7	3.3	43.3
296	226	Temple Bar	284	...	...	6.1	20.0
73	51	Thrmtn Asian E	60	-1	0.5	1.0	...
43	39	Throgmorton	37½	+½	2.3	5.3	22.4
388	248	Throg Dual Cp	365	...	...	...	...
181	132	USDC Invest	178	...	4.2	3.2	34.1
80½	59½	Value Inc Tst	80½	...	...	6.0	21.3
627	483	Wltbread Inv	580	-4	15.0	3.4	38.5
206	139	Witan	181½	-1	...	4.0	52.0

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	6	Aberdeen Pets	11	+½	...	...	11.2
19½	11½	Aran Energy	17	...	...	...	...
68	35	Arcos Inds	44	...	...	...	...
53	27	Am Oil & Gas	48	...	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	32	...	...	...	...
20	6	Beverley	9½	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	159	...	0.6	...	...
295	223	British Gas	286	...	7.1	8.0	17.3
304	182	Br Petroleum	250½	+4	...	6.2	13.2
6	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	6.1	46.1
741	460	Burmah Castrl	685	...	24.0	4.7	18.6
75	21	Cairn Energy	39	...	...	...	...
346	164	Calor Gp	229	...	12.0	7.0	15.1
10	6½	Caspain Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	35	...	...	...	...
25	6	Conprsds Oils	9	...	1.2	...	58.5
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	10½	...	...	...	...
467	297	Enterprise	404	+1	15.7	5.2	28.6
103	35	Exp Co Louis	59	+5	...	...	...
29½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	19½	...	...	...	...
69	34	Goal Pet	47½	...	...	1.3	7.9
40	5	Gt Western Res	24	...	1.2	3.5	9.0
146	77	Hardy O & G	115	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	KCA Drilling	2½	...	1.0	1.2	36.1
28½	7½	Kelt Energy	25½	...	...	...	...
185	112	LASMO	146	+1	8.5	7.8	16.9
183	63	-do- Units	76	+1	15.0	26.3	...
51	11	Mid Scot Reso	18½	...	...	...	...
40½	25	Monument	38½	...	...	...	...
18½	5	New London	9½	...	...	...	38.0
35	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	...	...	...
37	25	Oil Search	27	-1	0.7	4.3	6.0
14	8	Petrox	12	...	...	...	...
102	57	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	13.0
31	10	Premier	23½	...	...	...	10.2
138	42	Ramlife	75	...	...	...	...
430	308	Ranger	313	...	...	8.4	...
3037½	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	3150	...	...	1.5	...
				...	...	5.7	14.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
106	73	Adscene	106	+1	4.0	5.0	15.9
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blackwell Gp	562	+4	9.0	2.1	20.3
330	246	Bristol	298	-1	11.5	5.1	22.1
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	...	13.0	2.2	17.7
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7850	...	13.0	2.2	17.2
296	193	Dorling Kind	280	...	...	1.4	27.7
365	224½	EMAP	335	+1	...	3.0	21.8
928	533	Euromoney Pb	923	+5	39.5	4.3	–
224	155	Haynes Pub	234	...	8.0	3.4	9.9
235	140	Headline	226	...	10.0	1.8	25.1
183	105	Home Counts	119	...	8.2	9.2	22.5
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
490	285	Independent	420	...	...	4.8	14.3
456	289	Johnston Press	433	...	5.5	1.7	20.4
250	188	Maxwl Sulland	250	...	7.4	3.9	20.2
125	49	Mirror Gp	108	+5	...	...	10.0
1371	505½	News Corp	1235	...	...	0.4	–
726	258	News Intl	699	+3	3.0	0.7	12.1
419½	297	Pearson	359	+1	...	4.2	16.0
580	340	Portsmth Sund	574	...	8.6	2.0	14.8
665	467	Reed Intl	632	-1	16.0	3.4	20.6
210	61	Southnews	170	...	...	1.8	32.4
112	29	Sterling Pubs	112	...	...	3.0	36.7
348	274	Telegraph	342	-1	...	3.9	13.5
815	585	Thomson Corp	715	...	25.2	4.7	12.1
347	222	Trinity Intl	336	...	...	3.3	19.8
67	29	UnM Gatese	37	...	...	...	...
537	325	Utd Newspapers	500	-1	21.0	5.6	17.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4000	+50	...	2.1	...
59	41	Sceptre	53	...	...	...	...
561	435	Shell	537	+½	21.6	4.4	20.8
309	120	Sunrise Eng Sv	147	...	...	...	...
70	8½	Teredo	9	...	...	...	...
82	36	Tritron Europe	8	...	...	2.3	...
172	131	Wordsidge	145½	...	...	...	...

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
200	102	AFT	200	...	7.5	3.8	22.6
240	123½	Arlo Wiggins	146	...	8.3	...	11.8
428	305	Abbott Mead	428	...	8.4	2.4	21.5
3	¼	Agh Group	2½	...	...	...	...
128	14	Argus Gp	22	-1	5.8	...	7.4
197	105	Aspen Comm	192	...	...	1.4	38.0
13	7	BBB Designs	8½	...	...	...	...
374	180	Bemrose	314	...	12.7	4.0	16.0
60	23	Birkdale	31	...	0.3	4.8	21.9
128	80	Bunzl	122	+1	6.0	4.6	20.5
267	147	CIA Gp	201	...	...	1.9	15.6
51	36	City of Lon	48	...	...	0.4	10.0
40	1½	Clarke Hooper	1½ #	...	...	...	...
209	135	Cropper (James)	174	+3	4.0	2.3	19.8
41	9	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
60	30	Davis Packaging	54	...	1.6	3.6	10.7
140	78	Dolphin Pack	97	...	4.5	6.2	12.9
78½	42	Dudley Jenkins	44	...	...	...	11.1
13	9½	Elswick	13½	+½	0.3	...	11.6
68	38	Fairway Group	48	...	...	9.1	12.2
286	211	Ferguson Intl	271	...	12.5	6.1	15.7
86	3	Fliutax	85	...	...	0.6	21.1
48	5	Fitch	19	...	...	...	2.8
71	42	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	0.5	13.7
265	191	Gold Greenlees	265	...	8.3	4.2	20.2
33	22	Goodhead	28	-2	0.5	1.4	74.7
160	33½	Hunterprint	54	-1	...	...	...
198	133	Jarvis Porter	183	...	4.4	3.0	21.1
50	13	Lopex	13	...	...	...	10.4
283	133	More O'Ferrall	200	+2	11.2	8.4	12.4
58	27	NMC Group	35	...	1.2	...	10.9
117	30	Olive Hldgs	38	...	0.0	...	1.9
86	38	Osborne & Little	80	...	6.3	8.4	8.8
183	132	Quarto	176	...	5.2	4.0	10.1
343	231	St Ives Gp	332	...	4.2	2.2	31.9
245	115	Saatchi	168	-1	...	...	...
754	301	Sappi	381	-6	...	10.3	7.1
14½	¼	Scala	12	...	...	...	19.4
40	3	Shandwick	10	-1½	...	0.5	4.1
351	233	Smith David	312	...	...	...	13.7
336	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	257	-8	...	9.6	8.4
283	171	Star-Plus	196	...	7.1	4.8	14.3
19	10½	Taylor Nelson	19	...	...	1.1	40.0
85	37	VTR	43	+1	...	10.5	13.3
115	81	WPP	66	+6	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	66	-5	8.2	15.8	7.6
227	152	Waddington (J)	212	-1	7.4	3.0	16.0
561	391	Watmough	561	+2	10.5	2.5	24.4
4	½	Waverley Cam	1½	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	21.1
30	12	Whitney Mcke	19½	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	58	...	0.2	0.8	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group	1½ #	...	1.5	10.0	32.1
86	28	Allied Lon	42	...	...	...	...
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
73	34	Asda	39	...	...	8.3	7.0
141	64	Avonside	94	-1	...	...	...
2450	1887½	BCE	2190	...	...	...	...
473	268	Bilton	418	...	18.0	5.7	15.1
45	23	Bourne End	26	...	1.0	5.0	...
162	108	Bradford	153	-1	4.4	3.8	13.0
36	11	Brederos	22	+1	...	...	2.1
275	110	Br Land	180	+2	6.3	4.7	10.6
199	108	Brixton	161	-1	8.1	6.7	12.3
65	44	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	21.6
155	88	Cap & Regnl	109	...	...	1.3	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	34.0
433	103	Chesterfield	223	...	18.5	...	15.7
80	9	City Site Ests	36	...	1.4	...	...
45	6	Clarke Nicholls	19	+7	0.3	...	4.6
20	8	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	825	...	25.0	4.1	12.7
2	¼	Darts Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	63	+1	2.5	5.3	34.0
10	7	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
80	26	Dencora	78	+2	5.5	9.4	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	285	...	8.6	4.0	33.8
250	170	Estates Agency	187	...	3.8	2.1	17.1
60	6	Estates Gen	26	...	3.7	...	8.2
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	179	...	4.1	4.0	13.3
31	11	Five Oaks	11	-1	...	...	...
35	29	Fletcher King	30 †	...	1.0	4.4	21.7
395	188	Frogmore	285	...	15.0	6.9	15.1
125	51	Grainger	98	...	5.2	7.5	...
164	84	Gr Portland	125	-1	10.0	10.7	12.4
114	6½	Greycoat	8½	...	5.2	...	...
129	65	HK Land	107	-2	...	4.7	18.0
60	19	Hambro Cntyw	35	...	0.0	0.2	...
300	180	Hammerson	282	+2	10.0	4.7	10.5
395	165	-do- 'A'	294	+7	10.0	5.2	12.2
150	69	Hallcal Bay	139	...	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
125	68	Herring Baker	88	-5	7.0	10.6	...
325	135	Jermyn	143	...	1.3	1.4	...
484	343	Land Sec	446	+7	21.7	6.5	13.5
99	62	Lon Merch Sec	73	...	3.8	6.9	11.6
5½	1½	Lon & Mtrop	1½	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Lon Securities	2½	...	...	...	...
481	196	MEPC	332	+1	20.0	8.0	13.0
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	100	...	6.7	9.3	9.3
20	5	Mackenzie	5½	...	0.5	12.1	...
135	8	Marlvale Mtr	12	...	1.0	11.1	...
5	5	Martin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Menfield Est	34	...	...	0.4	...
1025	580	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.9	8.7
3	2½	Moviesto	2½	...	...	...	...
137	108	Muckiow (A&J)	119	...	5.9	6.6	15.5
50	33	New Cavendish	48	+2	...	...	25.7
29	2½	Oxley Est	3½	+½	0.1	2.4	2.5
30	12	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.2
111	54	Prop Security	97	...	3.7	5.2	19.0
32½	14½	Property Trust	27	...	...	...	...
9	3	Raglan	3½	...	...	...	...
68½	3½	Rowelan Prop	12½	-½	1.3	15.7	2.5
7	1½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
175	123	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
28	17	St Modwen Prp	19½	...	0.5	3.4	11.7
44	21	Savills	44	+1	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Mkt	35	...	1.5	5.7	...
82	39	Shaftesbury	52	...	...	...	...
9	2	Shield	5½	...	...	...	...
24	11	Sinclair Gldm	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
198	83	Slough Estates	154	...	8.1	7.1	8.7
99	36	Southend Prop	59	-1	4.1	9.4	29.8
20½	2½	Speyhawk	16	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	19½	-2½	...	...	...
88	58	Town Centre	80	...	3.1	5.2	15.6
60	35	Trafford Park	46	+1	2.5	7.5	12.4
33	7	UK Land	18	-3	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
237	119	Warner	182	...	10.0	7.3	17.7
245	192	Warnford	192	-2	7.2	5.1	13.1
8	2	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
91	25	Wates	37	...	3.7	13.4	9.4
44	17	Wood John Da	41	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagics	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	96	...	2.4	3.3	30.0
428	265	Lambert	390	...	12.5	4.3	10.2
111	68	Pittard Garnar	85	...	1.5	2.4	11.3
41	18	Strong & Fisher	23	...	1.0	5.8	6.4
193	86	Stylo	113	...	2.5	2.9	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	362	Allied Text	435	...	12.3	3.8	15.5
73	47	Beckman (A)	66	...	4.7	9.4	13.5
32	23	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
162	138	Br Mohair	143	...	8.5	7.9	11.3
114	30	Celestion	114	+1	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Chartwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	180½	Claremont Gs	303	...	...	1.7	20.8
570	364	Courtauld Txts	554	+1	13.0	3.1	16.3
241	160	Dawson	227	-5	9.0	5.3	22.1
59	17	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	22	...	...	...	...
73	60	Fanpel	68	...	...	9.6	6.7
50	24	Foster (John)	27	-1	0.5	2.5	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
162	99	Hicking Pntcst	150	...	3.4	2.9	13.4
73	38	Jerome (S)	48	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	282	+3	...	3.7	13.8
540	308	Leeds	540	...	11.0	2.7	17.4
41	15	Lister	30	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	118	...	4.9	5.5	13.4
85	33	Parkland 'A'	71	...	2.0	3.8	...
87	63	Readicut	86	...	3.4	5.3	17.1
71	20	SEET	35	...	...	...	...
91	67	Shiloh	83	+6	5.1	8.3	14.4
51	29	Stirling Gp	47	...	1.6	4.7	19.5
59	31	Stoddard	49	-1	2.6	7.1	13.1
312	198	Tomkinsons	293	-4	11.5	5.2	25.3
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	0.3	...	...
285	160	Yorklyde	285	+13	9.7	4.6	13.3

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	605	BAT	970	-5	33.6	4.6	25.6
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	597	+3	10.2	2.3	13.5

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	360	...	8.0	3.0	71.1
816	531	BAA	783	+6	16.5	2.5	13.6
315	219	Br Airways	267	+2	10.1	5.1	2.1
182	45	Clarkson (H)	77	...	8.0	...	3.5
108	22	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
486	203	Eurotunnel Uts	385	...	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	3.5	...	12.1
140	70	Gelg	138	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	Isle Steam	150	...	...	...	...
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	28	...	...	0.7	7.2
53	42	Lon O'Seas Frts	43	...	1.9	8.7	17.3
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1287½	...	1.3	3.8	3.6
311	190	Mersey Docks	303	-7	4.5	0.5	5.2
280	236	NFC	267	...	6.6	3.6	14.8
287	170	Ocean Group	266	+3	6.5	3.3	20.1
63	31	Ocean Wilson	41	+3	14.3	7.1	12.1
555	299½	P & O Dfd	533	...	...	8.7	8.1
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	130	+13	30.5	7.6	16.4
520	267	Powell Duffryn	480	...	...	5.6	...
120	95	Saltome	120	+9	22.6	5.6	16.4
99	32½	TIP Europe	34½	...	...	4.7	8.5
87	24	TNT	32	...	1.4	7.8	5.9
655	495½	Tibbet & Britn	655	-7	...	2.2	26.2
478	314	Tiphook	330	+1	17.3	7.0	8.4
307	228	TDG	277	...	9.5	4.6	16.4

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	469	-6	19.1	5.5	8.5
591	336	Northumbrian	573	-6	20.5	4.8	5.9
513	323	North West	457	-7	19.6	5.7	8.0
479	298	Severn Trent	445	-5	19.1	5.8	6.5
468	304	Sthn Water	458	-3	19.5	5.7	8.1
1300	620	Sth Staffs	1240	...	40.1	4.3	8.8
534	308	South West	480	-12	21.7	6.0	7.3
519	326	Thames Water	476	-2	18.2	5.1	8.1
549	337	Welsh Water	525	-3	21.4	5.5	6.0
609	356	Wessex Water	580	-8	19.5	4.6	8.0
547	336	Yorkshire W	512	-8	19.4	5.1	8.8

Source: Fintel

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** enjoys a broad, boisterous, big-budget German comedy based on the 'Hitler Diaries' scam

Funnily enough, it's the genuine article

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Since **Schtonk!** is about the Hitler diaries farrago of 1983, the first thing any British viewer will do is to check who plays Hugh Trevor-Roper. Disappointment number one: the historian never appears. For this plush and boisterous German comedy ignores the experts who gave the forgeries their imprimatur in *The Sunday Times* and elsewhere. Instead, its hands are full with the scallywags who scribbled down Hitler's innermost thoughts, aged the pages with steam irons and toasters, and, for a time, hoodwinked the world.

In any case, Helmut Dietl's film, widely successful on its home turf, drapes events in a cloak of fiction. The forger, the conniving journalist and *Stern*, the magazine that trumpeted the documents, all receive new names and personalities. German slapstick weighs on the tale, though the diary entries quoted ("The super-human exertions of the last few months have caused flatulence. Eva says I have bad breath.") are supposedly genuine. Genuine forgeries, that is.

Imagine what Billy Wilder might have made of this; for here is a story of human greed and gullibility to rival the lean, mean *Ace in the Hole*. But Dietl, a 48-year-old director of television films and series, takes a different tack. He goes for opulence: lavish settings, gorgeously coloured CinemaScope images of Goering's yacht, bogus paintings by Hitler, and swastika-decorated spoons. We might almost be watching some decadent spectacular from the Nazi years.

The film's size, colour and force pull you up short, though the final effect is debatable. Non-German audiences may already feel remote from the lampoons of local people and attitudes; Dietl's grandiose style only clouds the satire further. And without any coverage of the media upheaval that followed the diaries' publication, *Schtonk!* — named after a nonsense word used by Chaplin in *The Great Dictator* — can only end in an anti-climax.

But see for yourself. Whatever the outcome, you are guaranteed a surprising, well-acted film that feels big and looks big. Götz George particularly stands out as Hermann Willié, the journalist desperate for a cover story: one look at his Terry-Thomas moustache and you know he cannot be trusted.

István Szabó's magnificent **Sweet Emma, Dear Böbe**, by contrast, appears small: just a handful of characters, no fancy sets, scenes clipped to the bare essentials. Yet there is more emotional resonance here than in many films four times its size.

Szabó's great talent has always been for distilling political issues through painfully human, localised stories. During the Eighties, though, he risked his individuality with international ventures and David Puttnam's European flagship *Meeting Venus*. Here he returns to his Hungarian roots, casting a bitter but tender eye on the country's fate since communism's collapse. This is the most piercing portrait of Eastern Europe since Kieslowski's *Ten Commandments*.

Emma and Böbe are teachers, fighting for a warm bed, a square meal and self-respect in a Budapest jangling with suspicion, new foreigners, pornographers and gypsy beggars. They share a room in a dismal hostel close to the airport. They used to teach Russian; now they parrot the phrasebook English they only just learnt themselves.



The boss is pleased: journalist Hermann Willié (Götz George) receives the thanks of a grateful magazine proprietor in Schtonk!

Beautiful, pensive Emma is locked in a sterile affair with her cowardly headmaster. Böbe, plump and happy-go-lucky, spends her nights with foreigners, picked up in bars. At least they have friendship, until the authorities step in.

Szabó's script builds towards tragedy and despair. Yet paradoxically, the film dances with life. Even though her voice stays hidden behind Hungarian dubbing, Dutch actress Johanna Ter Steege, as Emma, radiates strength and sensitivity in a performance that touches the heart. Enikó Börcsök, the naive, jolly Böbe, provides a perfect contrast. Too many East European directors scream with rage at their society's new ills: Szabó, though sorrowful, still loves his characters and his native city.

The last time Gerald Kersh's novel **Night and the City** was spun into a film, the city was postwar London. Richard Widmark prowled the shadows. Three decades on, Jules Dassin's minor classic gets a botched remake. Now the city is New York in the Nineties. The star is Robert De Niro, a poor man's lawyer, working the mean streets with dreams of the big time. The restless camera swings this way and that. De Niro sends up the usual sparks, and the dialogue by Scorsese associate Richard Price is all salt and vinegar.

This should have been electrifying. Yet something has gone wrong with Irwin Winkler's film: for all its energy, it seems airless, old-fashioned, trapped under a belljar. The script itself is partly to blame. Plot turns that passed muster in 1950 look horribly contrived in modern dress. Hustling, moreover, is a young man's game; De Niro's Harry Fabian is too veteran a loser to win much sympathy as he butts into the boxing scene and makes an enemy of Alan King's promoter.

Irwin Winkler, the veteran producer taking a second crack in the director's chair after *Guilty By Suspicion*, scarcely helps. He gets out and about on location, yet the fidgety direction only breeds artifice. Even De Niro is not immune: some speeches have the hollow ring of acting class exercises.

To get the best from **Midnight Sting** you need to love the sight of eyes and lips pummelled into pulp by boxing gloves. Fanatical admiration for James Woods and Bruce Dern may also help.

Director Michael Ritchie works hard to obscure a routine plot about two conmen locking horns over an unlicensed boxing contest. James Woods, lithe and larky, is the good one; soft-spoken Bruce Dern has ice in his veins. Bets are placed on Lou Gossett Jr., fighting ten opponents in 24 hours. Crowd-pleasing moments occur every few minutes. But if you are not a crowd, tough luck. Choose another film.

Deep Cover has its share of violence. Yet at least Larry Fishburne feels pangs of guilt as the reluctant undercover cop who blasts holes in Los Angeles drug dealers. And when was the last movie in which a detective muttered "Work with me, Jesus" as he went into battle with cocked gun?

For the religious strain we must clearly thank Michael Tolkin, who devised this tale about players in the cocaine market. For its highly-charged style, a small bouquet to director Bill Duke; for quirks in performance, a cheer, please, for Jeff Goldblum as an ultra-sleek dealer. A potboiler, perhaps, but the camouflage is tantalising.

When this director says 'cut', his staff ask 'how many?'

Wilf Stevenson, the director of the British Film Institute, tells **Simon Tait** how he plans to revive and reorganise his empire

Film is a medium that bulges with visual metaphor, so there may be something symbolic about the signpost in Tottenham Court Road for the British Film Institute. Instead of pointing west along Stephen Street, it points east towards the British Museum. Is it a Buñuel-like hint of the current turmoil in the BFI?

There are, of course, more tangible signs of things amiss: a report circulated anonymously to journalists. It came from within the National Film Theatre, the BFI's public presence on the South Bank, and consisted of a 17-page sheaf of documents containing personal allegations against the BFI director, Wilf Stevenson, plus copies of internal reports. It alleges that the BFI is aimless, clique-ridden, unfit to resurrect our film industry and virtually stifled by autocratic bureaucracy.

Wait, Stevenson says. They are no more than a garish sideshow. According to him, the main feature is yet to come. He will present it, and it is much more positive in tone: more money, legislation and reorganisation, with the government preparing the most comprehensive package ever for British film.

"The flak is not serious, a distraction," says Stevenson, who became director five years ago. "We needed a job done at the South Bank and the staff failed to deliver. We've got to make sure that we're ready for what is about to happen."

Stevenson's breezy words, however, cannot disguise some hard realities. NFT audiences have gone from 250,000 per year five years ago to below 200,000. That is at a time when ordinary cinema audiences are growing. Visitor numbers at the Museum of Moving Image next door have slumped from 520,000 in its first year, 1988, to under 400,000, well below the break-even mark of 430,000. The BFI's grant allocation has been frozen at £15 million: it has to earn another £10 million. Stevenson has said that the 500-strong staff will be slimmed by "losing" 42 posts over the next two years. Meanwhile, the deputy controller of the BFI South Bank, Paul Collard, and now the controller, Jurgen Berger, have resigned, the latter after only a year.



In the picture: Wilf Stevenson in his office at the BFI

Stevenson appears unabashed by this catalogue of woe. The long-awaited rescue of the British film industry is just around the corner, he maintains. It will be produced by Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, and directed by the BFI. "There will be an announcement in the spring, perhaps with a white paper, about the package for the industry. People think it's all gone dead at the heritage department. But in the bowels there is a group of people working on a programme to which the department is committed. It's personal with Brooke, and he's chosen us as the principal agency."

Already the industry has been helped, he says, by tax concessions for film makers, the creation of the British Film Commission to bring film-makers to Britain, and the commitment to Eurimages, the European co-production concord. The new package is expected to restore distribution networks as well as film-making, and will include fiscal incentives to attract investment in a scheme being devised by London Economics — a think-tank of the London School of Economics. That could see the reinvestment of VAT on cinema tickets (perhaps £100 million a year); or a levy on videos.

It may also propose a permanent archive of British film, in the form of a statutory deposit, as the British Library has for printed matter. A copy of every film, video and television show would be lodged by the maker with the BFI.

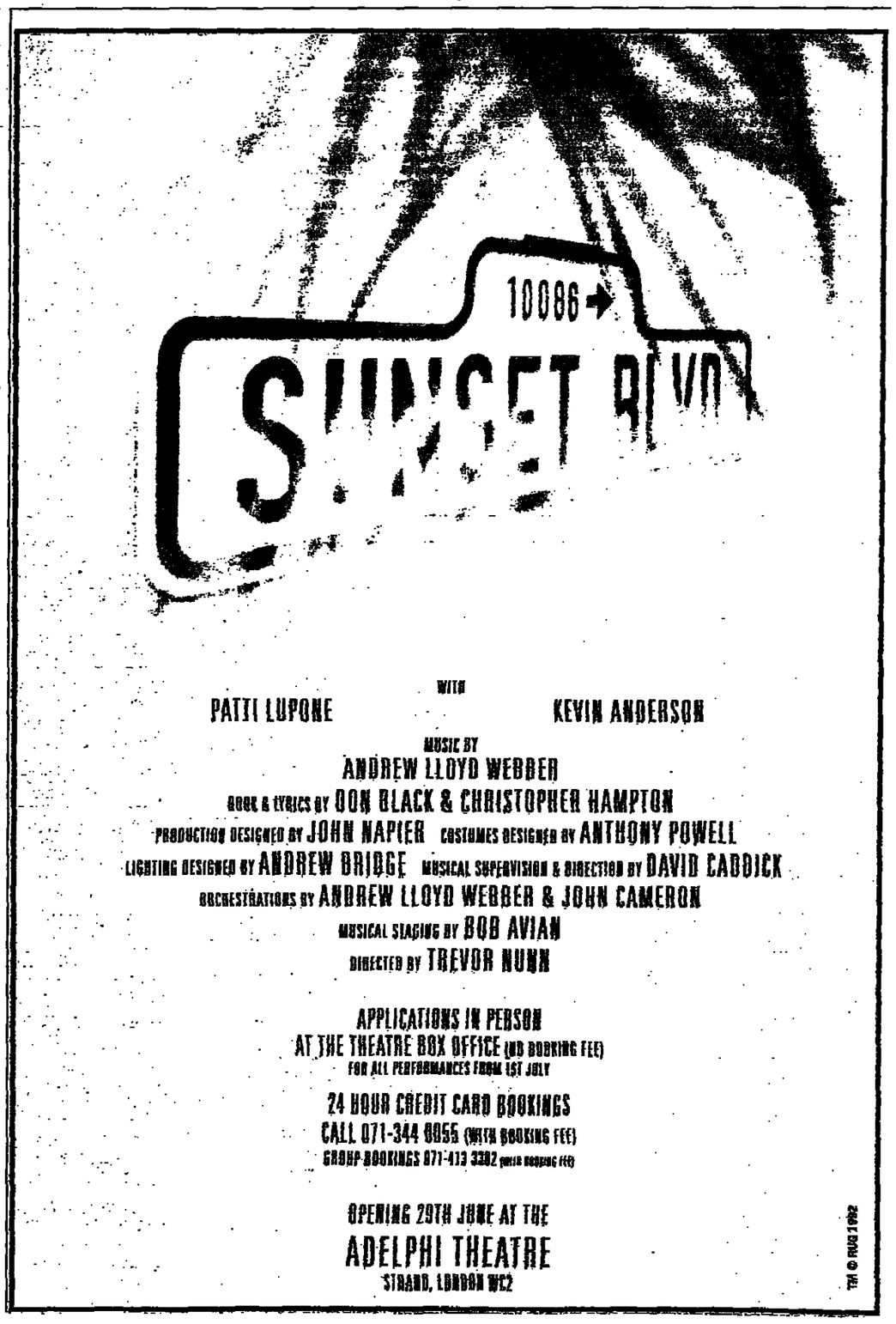
Then there is the lottery. Despite the BFI not being named as an allocating quango for lottery money, Stevenson says that an agreement with the Arts Council is near for the BFI to distribute lottery lolly to the film industry. "Somewhere between £7 million and £12 million a year is going to be coming into films from the lottery. This is a real chance to establish 70 to 80 large cinemas in major towns showing culturally interesting films."

But the NFT debacle has to be faced. Stevenson says that the appointment of Jurgen Berger (creator of the first film museum in Frankfurt) was a mistake. He and Collard did not work well together. Instead of the NFT changing to meet the challenge of television and video, there was stagnation. "It's a depressing place now," he admits. The Seventies decor is to go, the restaurant to be remodelled, work more geared to education, now that media is part of the core curriculum.

"We have to get back to the proper study of film. I see the complex as a national film museum, the only place with perfect projection, perfect sound, no popcorn and no advertisements."

Momi, too, needs to be updated and refined. Stevenson puts the visitor slump down to the recession, but the television studios area is to be reorganised and a new interactive video wall installed. A film-maker will be invited to work in a gallery. There will be four special exhibitions a year, instead of two. Both parts of the BFI South Bank will come under a single controller again; advertisements will appear this weekend.

All has to be in place by 1995, the centenary of the first public showing of the Lumière brothers' film. The one thing that has not flagged is the BFI-run London International Film Festival, and Stevenson is planning the biggest ever for the centenary. "By then the whole future of the industry should be in place," Stevenson says. "All this is about getting ready. We should not be distracted from that."



LONDON

GRAVITY AND GRACE: For those who are not quite sure how much of the recent installation art, with its extensive use of found objects, can be called sculpture, this show, chronicling changes in the condition of sculpture between 1965 and 1975, should be an invaluable guide. It includes the work of 20 artists such as Beuys, Serra, Kounelles, Penone and Richard Long.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-261 0127). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed, until 8pm), opens today until March 14.

ART 93: Some 80 British art dealers are gathered together for this year's London Contemporary Art Fair, now in its fifth edition. Annely Juda is showing a group of important works by sculptor Anthony Caro.
Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, N1 (071-359 3535). Today, tomorrow, 11am-8pm, Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 11am-4.30pm.

KING LEAR: First Shakespeare at this theatre since 1979. Max Stafford-Clark directs a fine cast led by Tom Wilkinson, Saskia Reeves and Hugh Ross. Opening night.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

FRETWORK: The enterprising string ensemble presents a well-programmed concert under the title "The Royal Consort — Music for Charles I and II". Matthew Locke and Orlando Gibbons are among the composers represented.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the RPO in two concerts marking the tenth anniversary of Sir William Walton's death. For the first, cellist Mischa Maisky, baritone John Connell and the Brighton Festival Chorus join in a programme comprising the *Henry V Suite, Belshazzar's Feast* and the *Cello Concerto*. The second concert is on January 30.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

BILL FRISELL BAND: The accomplished American guitarist draws on a plethora of influences including Jimi Hendrix and Wes Montgomery.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

DUBLIN: The **Prague Symphony Orchestra** opens its eight-day tour in Ireland. Martin Turnovský, the newly appointed artistic director, conducts Smetana's overture to *The Bartered Bride*, Dvořák's Piano Concerto (with Rudolf Firkusny) and two works by Janáček: the *Taras Bulba* rhapsody and *The Cunning Little Vixen* suite.
National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace (010 3531 711533), 8pm.

GLASGOW: Following the recent Blue Note album, *Paris*, the young Scottish saxophonist **Tommy Smith** plays a series of dates on home ground. On Saturday he is at Aberdeen's Lemon Tree club and at the Music Box, Edinburgh on Monday.
Cith Hall Club, Bell Street (City Hall box office: 041-227 5511), 8pm.

LIVERPOOL: Actors Touring Company set off on a ten-week tour with Labiche's *The Coalclust Affair*, a new translation by Robert David Macdonald of a farce by the author of *An Italian Straw Hat*.
Unity, Hope Place (051-709 4988). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

MANCHESTER: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the **BBC Philharmonic** in works by Strauss (*Till Eulenspiegle*), Hindemith (*Symphony Die Harmonie der Welt*) and Weber (*Clarinet Concerto*, with Michael Collins as the soloist). The previously programmed world premiere of Gregson's *Clarinet Concerto* has been postponed.
RNCM, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504), 7.30pm.

SALISBURY: Joe Orton's final play *What the Butler Saw* is given a contemporary setting and "sensitive" updating by director Penny Ciniewicz. Isla Blair heads the cast.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320333). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

◧ **BLACK LIGHT THEATRE OF PRAGUE:** Surreal version of Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, better suited to a younger audience.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7pm, mats Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 2pm. Sun, 4pm. 130mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Ian Judge's sublimely funny production, with award-winning Desmond Barrit playing both portly twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 145mins.

◧ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◧ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **HEART:** Black Mime Theatre applies wit, passion and physical theatre to suggest how relationships go wrong.
Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◧ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged, doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◧ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **MISERY:** Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in ridiculous but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◧ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA:** David Haig plays the dashing Rudolph Rassendyll in the best of all romantic adventures, staged with exuberance, laughs and really exciting sword fights.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

■ **RICHARD III:** Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

◧ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **STAGES:** Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 4pm and 8pm. 85mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◧ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... ☐ **Dancing at Lughnasa:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◧ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◧ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◧ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◧ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

MAN BITES DOG (18): Film crew follows loquacious killer on his rounds. Cheeky conceit spread too thin by new Belgian film-makers Rémy Belvaux, André Bonzel and Benoît Poelvoorde.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

◆ **SARAFINA! (15):** South African hit musical, exuberantly filmed with Leleti Khumalo (the original star) and Whoopi Goldberg. Darrell James Roodt directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SINGLES (12):** The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOFT TOP HARD SHOULDER (15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and too many whimsies for comfort. Director, Stefan Schwartz.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

CURRENT

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. Stars Dan Aykroyd, Geraldine Chaplin and Anthony Hopkins.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **DEATH BECOMES HER (PG):** Fading star Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis and Isabella Rossellini; director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN (15):** Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS (18):** A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG):** One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** is neither entertained nor enlightened by a new play

Long haul for short measure

King Baby
Barbican Pit

Every now and then BBC 2 or Channel 4 airs a documentary about alcoholism. Sometimes it brings on experts to discuss the causes of addiction or the treatment of sufferers. Sometimes it introduces alcoholics and shows them unburdening themselves in some group confessional. Often it manages to be instructive and usually it is short, 50 minutes or less. What, then, is the point of James Robson's new play, which tells us little most moderately informed people will not know already and, at three hours, lasts as long as a Boxing day hangover?

The answer should be human insight and dramatic power. That can certainly be claimed for William Inge's *Come Back Little Sheba* and some other American plays on the subject. But *King Baby* seems wanting here too, though admittedly more in the first than the second half. If British alcoholics need a theatrical voice, they have still to find a bard.

Fairly or unfairly, the first glimpse of the stage has a discouraging effect. Anthony Lamble's set is a dull sitting-room with signs such as "Think Think Think" and "Easy Does It" beneath drab landscapes. And the characters mostly sit and swap experiences and sentiments at what seem to be unending therapy sessions: young Cherry (Emily Joyce), who peed in the bath before her fiancé's father; old Edgar (Liam O'Callaghan), an Irish dosser who has rediscovered the innocence of childhood; middle-aged Maxine (Sheila Reid), who slid from gentility to prostitution, thanks to the bottle.

Reid in particular hawks up her memories with impressive self-disgust; yet even here it is hard to react as strongly as Robson and his director for this Royal Shakespeare Company production, Simon Usher, must wish. Emotional post-mortems are like real ones: how can we care very much about a victim unless we have met her before she ended up being analysed on the slab? In any case, anguished reminiscence cannot sustain a play. To do him justice, Robson has recognised this, and tried to introduce dramatic tension in the form of a "hard case", a garage-owner who will not admit he has more than a managable drinking problem.

The play settles into a war of attrition between Tom Georgeson's James King, or "King Baby" as the others call him, and Lalor Roddy's group leader. The trouble is that its outcome is predictable and its battles somewhat uninspired. King's function is to insist on his dignity, fend off help, say slighting things about God, and make himself objectionable. Thus poor Reid spills her guts, verbally reducing herself to a semen-stained sex-object, and he is left smirking and sneering: "what a barrel of laughs".

Meanwhile, Lalor repeats that alcoholism is a disease, recommends tough love, and says everything a counsellor should say: "if you're an alcoholic you're only one step from degradation", "give in, admit defeat, say OK Mr Booze, you win", "accept yourself, love yourself, then forget yourself", "alcoholism is like grief, an inexplicable sense of loss", "We alkies are hard on other people, especially those we love, but hell on ourselves," etcetera, etcetera.



Jimmy (Lalor Roddy, left) and James King (Tom Georgeson) in James Robson's King Baby, at the Barbican Pit. *Illustration by Bill Hewison*

One trouble is that Robson's didactic intentions are all too visible. Another is not merely that King's eventual confession is inevitable, but that it inadvertently undermines the didacticism.

The car-tycoon turns out to be the victim of one of those dark secrets amateur psychiatrists love. It seems that he became a lecher and a sot in a neurotic attempt to deal with the memory of a rejecting mum. But that means that for *him* booze is a *symptom*, a by-product, not a cause.

Is that really what a play about alcoholism wants finally to suggest? Hardly.

Survivors are down but not out



Meryl (Jane Hogarth) and Clint (Mark Spalding) in Self Catering

Self Catering
Cockpit, Marylebone

SUBTITLED "A Short History of the World", this dark comedy appropriately begins with a big bang. Hannah Mayall's sky-blue set is littered with a lot of pebbles and a round rock but is otherwise empty of life. Life approaches in the form of a plane flying very low and very loud until it crashes with an almighty explosion. The human race has arrived.

Four bedraggled survivors stagger into view, one carrying the unconscious body of a fifth. They are an awkward bunch; as one of them later says, "We are all in the company of people who, in other circumstances, we would take pains to avoid." But on this desert island they are trapped together and must make the best, and finally the worst, of it.

The cacophony of voices at the start is off-putting, even if it is intended to suggest the turmoil of their minds. But Andrew Cullen's play quickly settles down to its task of showing, like *Lord of the Flies* but coarser and funnier, that humanity does not behave well in desperate straits, and if anyone has a weapon, even if it is only a flare gun, he will use it.

One man has an encyclopaedic memory for the minor incidents and dialogue of films, and the five characters adopt the names of their screen idols: Henry (Fonda), Marilyn, Bette, Meryl and Clint. Squabbling, manoeuvring and panicking, they behave in ways that ape their namesakes but since they lack, as Henry says, a scriptwriter to hold them together their story will find no neat and happy end. Henry learns the hard way how far away raw life is from the democratic decency of *Twelve Angry Men*.

Kate Rowland's able production for Altered States Company (sponsored by Nalgo) was first performed at Liverpool Playhouse Studio and she artfully paces comedy, menace and surprise, squashing the five into a tight wedge as they nervously search for a monster, creating frenzied activity as they exhaust the courtesy alcohol looted from the plane.

Cullen has a fine ear for sour talk and deflating one-liners, and in one ingenious sequence Jane Hogarth's Meryl, the coma victim who fills the role of primitive savage, is led by the others through a succession of different ways of throwing a ball that mirror society's contradictory instructions. This is a marvellously compressed and visual expression of an argument that Shaw, in his *Back to Methuselah* mode, would probably have taken several acts to convey.

The acting is excellent: Ayse Owens's feminist Bette, Matilda Ziegler's pinched, demanding Marilyn — "we're not hunters and gatherers, we're shoppers" — a macho Clint from Mark Spalding, and John Griffin's lost-soul Henry, warning against one set of myths but helpless victim of another. A promising London debut for a new playwright.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Fiendishly diverting

L'Ascensore
Institute of Contemporary Arts

AT FIRST glance we are back to the missing fourth wall of conventional naturalistic theatre. But here the invisible wall through which the audience views the play belongs to a lift. The interior is beautifully reconstructed Art Deco; and the doors slide open not only on the apartment-block lobby in New York's Little Italy but on family betrayals, sexual duplicity, the sum of the past events that have led to the murder which opens the play. We even glimpse the red, swirling mists of the hell that awaits the principal characters.

The second offering of the London International Festival of Mime is visually haunting. The events are framed by the width of the lift, but the design by Neil Robson and director Pete Brooks extends to the theatre's back wall. Beyond the elevator gates is a shadowy world as limitless as eternity, a twilight zone of running footsteps, cries for help, sudden brutality. Narrow but deep, the set must be seen by banked rows of no more than five spectators; any more and those at the end of each would simply miss the action in and beyond the magic box, the infernal machine.

Insomniac Productions describe the play as a Freudian reading of Verdi's (not Shakespeare's) *Macbeth*. It comes over more as a lyrical distillation of *film noir* as we watch Salvatore, a small-time hitman trying to make it big, travel to the 18th floor, disappear to kill his victim, and return to be killed by the coolly double-crossing beauty who has infatuated him (Barbara Stanwyck, thou shouldst be living at this hour).

The methods of Brooks as director are familiar from his work with Impact Theatre. Mood and atmosphere are conjured up by snatches of barely audible dialogue, evocative lighting and music.

Jocelyn Pook, a former member of the Communards rock group, alternates her own eerie sounds — the ominous, desolate swell of winds droning forever across some blasted heath of the soul — with Verdi. As the damned Salvatore, Richard Hawley has a faint look of Bruce Willis about him. Going one better than Sartre's infernal hotel in *Huis Clos*, the production sees hell, or its ante-chamber, as a lift. This hypnotic 45-minute piece, a success in Italy last summer, runs twice nightly at the ICA until Sunday.

MARTIN HOYLE

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TELEVISION REVIEW: **Benedict Nightingale** bids what he hopes will be a temporary farewell to the small screen's most curmudgeonly detective

Too soon to say the case is closed

Phew. We had feared the very worst, and last night the very worst did not occur. The final image of what had been proclaimed the ultimate episode of **Inspector Morse** (ITV) was not a death-struggle in the catacombs of the Randolph Hotel with some Moriarty from Dulcot or Banbury. Instead, John Thaw's introspective sleuth was seen driving in his outré Jag through a sun-baked Oxford, on his way to what he and his long-suffering super agreed might be a refreshing sabbatical.

Wishful thinking, I suppose; but bringing him back to the small screen would hardly be on a par with the raising of Lazarus or the rescue of Holmes. What about a national write-in, or maybe a sleep-in while other detectives are usurping our television sets, to ensure that he does not simply vanish down the tube, apart from making the probable annual "specials"?

After all, Morse was the best, or at least the best company, of them all. I don't think we ever found out his first name, or much about his background except that he was implausibly called "Pagan" when he was up at Oxford himself. But we learnt plenty about his innards, right down to his liver, which he seemed to be abusing less in recent episodes.

He was the unwilling loner, the sentimental grouch, the frustrated idealist, irked with the world for persistently failing to come up with quite the calibre of wine, women and song he believed in his heart must somewhere exist. He was hard to know but harder to reject. Ask Sergeant Lewis, irrepressible Tigger to his impossible Eeyore. Ask any of us.

Anyway, the "final" episode was a strong, celebratory one. Julian Mitchell, finest of the Morse screenwriters, had contributed a nice, sophisticated script, and himself made a guest appearance as an offhand hospital doctor ("check the gases every quarter-of-an-hour please").

Even the great John Gielgud had come to play a Chancellor of Oxford more interested in his lunch than in the shooting of the diva to whom he had been about to give an honorary degree. He spent much of his time onscreen imperilling the university's finances by dropping disdainful clangers.

"I've got 15 degrees, 16 if you count Yale," he told an important-looking American. "I'm from Yale," came the reply. "Well there you are," smiled Sir John, serenely nibbling a sandwich. "American degrees are two a penny."

The story, which involved the murder of an investigative journalist followed by the public potting of Morse's pet Brünnhilde, had its ironic aspects. The quicksilver inspector got the credit, but actually seemed a lot less competent than the leadhead sergeant.

Thaw was left boggling in lovelorn horror at the shooting of "the Welsh canary" while Kevin Whately's Lewis promptly hustled everybody out of range of the sniper. And it took Morse an age to pick up on the possibility that the bullet was aimed not at her but at another honorary graduate, a horrible financier played with an improbable Baltic accent by Robert Hardy. Once he had twigged that the blonde songbird was actually a red herring, both crimes more or less solved themselves.

As if that were not humiliation enough in his valedictory episode, Morse was also forced to recognise that the red herring was a snake in the grass. And the discovery that the Wagnerian heroine for whom he had just bought two dozen red roses was actually a temperamental monster transformed his mood from temporary elation back to chronic gloom.

"I've always thought of artists as being something different," he moped. And again: "Art and life. I always preferred art myself. I don't know about life."

Lewis, who has been growing wiser by the week, said something earthily germane about the need to distinguish a footballer's life from his skills; but it was not answer enough. What is Morse going to make of his belated apotheosis? How will it affect his relationship to art, life, real ale, wine, women and song? We have to know. Come on, Central Television, bribe or blackmail the old curmudgeon back on to our screens on a regular basis.



John Thaw as Morse, Kevin Whately as Lewis: last night the inspector got the credit, but actually seemed a lot less competent than his sergeant

Building up an impressive score

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Sir Edward Downes: by researching and constructing his own performing edition, he has not only advanced the cause of Verdi scholarship, but has saved Covent Garden some £35,000 in royalties

OPERA: *Stiffelio*, arguably Verdi's most unjustly neglected work, is about to receive its Covent Garden premiere. **Hilary Finch** talks to the conductor, Sir Edward Downes

What Verdi had really wanted to do in 1850 was write an opera on *King Lear*. But failing to find a librettist who was up to it, his attention was caught by a French play which told the tale of adultery in the household of an Austrian Protestant minister. Here was a contemporary problem play with a subversive moral core: just the thing for the maverick Verdi's first modern opera.

Unfortunately, *Stiffelio's* first audience was Italian. Protestants were bad enough; but a *married* priest, and one who eventually forgives an adultress wife? It was too much for the censor, and Verdi was forced to make so many changes that, in despair, he tore out and replaced pages of the manuscript, withdrew one half of the work and rewrote the other half as *Aroldo*, shifting it to the exploits of Harold, the last of the Saxon kings, in the less compromising landscape of Kent and Loch Lomond.

But the ghost of *Stiffelio* would not be so easily laid. Spurred on by their success with Verdi's hitherto little known *Attila*, the Royal Opera and its associate musical director and resident Verdian, Sir Edward Downes, started sleuthing. Monday night offers the results of their detective work: an entirely new and complete performing edition, which comes as near to Verdi's original *Stiffelio* as is now possible.

The trail started in the late 1960s when, in the absence of any complete autograph manuscript of *Stiffelio*, copies of Verdi's full score were discovered in the Naples conservatoire. After consultation with two heavily misprinted vocal scores, a performing edition of sorts was made for a Parma premiere by Peter Maag. It was a start, at least. Ten years later, Lamberto Gardelli, preparing the only existing recording of *Stiffelio* (Philips 422 432/2) tidied up the score, restored the cuts and put the numbers in the right order.

Soon after this, though, another manuscript was unearthed in the Austrian National Library in Vienna. This was both more accurate and more legible than the Naples scores, and the indefatigable Downes rushed over to see it.

There was a double edge to his excitement. If he were able to construct his own, new edition from all the sources, not only would he chalk up a considerable gain for Verdi scholarship, but he would save Covent Garden some £35,000 in royalties when the Royal Opera eventually staged its own production.

Downes worked at the manuscripts for 18 months and found a music computer printer willing to take it on. Then came a phone call from Chicago. Philip Gossett, the general editor of the complete critical edition of Verdi, announced that the missing half of the composer's original autograph score of *Stiffelio* had come to light.

The Verdi family firm, who carefully guard the remaining treasure horde at the Villa Sant'Agata near Busseto, chose their moment to release the crucial document, together with 65 pages of revelatory sketches. Did this render Downes's work superfluous?

"Not in the least. Gossett was kind enough to check and verify my score against the newly-recovered manuscript, and there were very few discrepancies in the music. But the libretto is the pre-censor text: exactly what Verdi wanted! What we have now at Covent Garden is a practical performing edition, incorporating the original text and stage directions." And with Verdi, the ever-pragmatic man of the theatre as precedent, Downes has been modifying and clarifying his dynamic markings throughout rehearsals, moulding them to stage practicalities and to the ways in which the various singers are reacting to each other.

Downes's relationship with Verdi has been long and intimate. His first job at Covent Garden was as prompter and repetiteur for Gunther Rennert's 1952 production of *Un ballo in maschera*; *Otello* was the first opera he ever conducted; in *Don Carlos* and *Rigoletto* he took over the baton from Giulini and Solti. It was clearly more than the thrill of detective work which spurred him on to *Stiffelio*.

"Verdi was known by his contemporaries as *il contadino*, the peasant. What has always endeared me to Verdi has been the fact that he was a man of the highest aristocratic aspirations in his art, but he'd got his foot in the gutter all the time. That's something which appeals to me enormously. He was agin all the things I'm agin: he was violently anti-clerical, and he couldn't stand the establishment either."

And *Stiffelio* itself: was it worth it all? "It was composed at exactly the same time as *Rigoletto*, and there are times when you feel you are there. It really *is* the first modern opera: it's so psychologically complex that the three main roles need singer/actors of a very particular calibre. The Verdi canon, too, is changing all the time. Thirty years ago, after all, *Simon Boccanegra* was virtually unknown..."

Downes hopes to establish *Stiffelio* as a regular repertory opera. His commitment is given further impetus by the preparation for a Verdi Festival at Covent Garden, due to start in 1995 with four operas in five weeks of the summer, and performing everything the composer wrote by his centenary year of 2001. With Covent Garden's enormous financial problems, and with the house itself due to close for renovation in 1997, *is this not a pipe dream?* "Well, let's say I have — how shall I put it — the highest hopes."

● *There will be seven performances of* Stiffelio *at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (071-240 1066): Monday, and January 29, February 2, 6, 10, 15 and 18. Sir Edward Downes will give a concert performance of Verdi's first opera,* Oberto, *in Edinburgh this year and — for those interested in tracking down the safe, Saxon version of* Stiffelio *— Aroldo, in all its bowdlerised glory, will be sung under Sir Edward's baton at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800) in a concert performance by the Chelsea Opera Group on March 6.*

CONCERT

Heat but no light

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Ida Haendel virtually *is* the Sibelius Violin Concerto. When her name appears, then that, invariably, is what she will be playing. Ten years ago she was awarded the Sibelius Medal in recognition of her distinguished performances of the concerto; ten years on, they are still going strong.

Strength, though, now tends to be the beginning and the end of it all. Haendel's view of the concerto has always been austere. Not for her, as for a Perlman or a Menuhin, the seeking out of the work's lyrical heart; not for her, either, the passionate virtuosity of a Kremer. Rather, she carves the music out of granite. The great, late melodies of its first movement are shaped with both power and palpable effort: the fast vibrato of the second movement's song is so tight that it gives the sensation of being almost non-existent.

When teeth-gritted physical and mental determination get the better of Haendel's heart, as is sometimes and increasingly the case, the concerto's white light is dimmed. On Tuesday, the long discussion which precedes the great theme seemed more exhausting than exhaustive. And the Philharmonia provided a monochrome, sometimes offhand, accompaniment.

They saved their best for Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, when they had Kurt Sanderling all to themselves. This Prussian veteran makes only infrequent visits to London, and his chosen repertoire seems scarcely wider, if less predictable, than Haendel's. Sanderling's selectivity, though, always concentrates his mind and that of his players to illuminating effect.

Sanderling and speed have never had much time for each other. He began here, for example, by enabling the symphony's first melody to glide along on its own almost imperceptible momentum, and with the minimum of accenting in solo entries.

When disturbance does arrive, it is all the more telling. After the totally steady, seamless oboe melody of the slow movement, the little breaks in phrasing necessitated by the finger-leaps of the strings made a poignant contrast. And the sudden, iron-hard unanimity of attack in the finale kindled a fire which suddenly seemed to have been smouldering away from the very start.

HILARY FINCH

GALLERIES: **John Russell Taylor** on a welcome show of work by printmaker and sculptor Gertrude Hermes

A grain of true vision



Owls by Gertrude Hermes: ten years after the artist's death, her work is receiving the attention it deserves

Women artists have not always been helped by feminist art criticism. Sometimes it seems as though the old gender stereotypes have simply been replaced by new, and woe betide anyone who does not toe the new lines of demarcation. Gertrude Hermes, who is the subject of an important show at the Redfern Gallery and, at last, an elaborate catalogue raisonné, is a good case in point.

The most obvious thing about Hermes's work is that without prior information one would find it impossible to guess whether it was done by a man or a woman. Indeed, for five years of her long life (1901-1983), she was married to and worked sometimes in collaboration with Blair Hughes-Stanton, and it is often difficult to tell their work apart, even after their separation. Nor is there any sense that she was in any way the subservient partner: influence seems to have flowed easily in either direction.

The wood-engravings of both have a strongly erotic sub-text, though in Hermes's case it sometimes seems to be unconscious. Was she aware, for instance, of the sexual symbolism in such prints as *The Five Senses*, in which two silhouettes face each other across a fringed central void, or *Fathomless Sounding*, in which a bird appears to be diving straight down into the welcoming gullet of some sea-creature? Since her prints often have a strong sculptural quality, it is not surprising that she was also a sculptor of some standing, carving in stone and wood, as well as modelling in bronze, as in the small piece of mating *Frogs* in the present show.

Hermes was happy with the miniature, but never afraid to work on a large scale: during the Thirties her commissions included enormous glass decorative panels for the British pavilions in the 1937 Paris Exposition and the 1939 New York World's Fair, and some of her later sculptures were substantial commissions for large public spaces. A few of her wood-engravings are unusually large for a medium which does not lend itself to magnification, and when, after war work in Canada (where she went to be with her evacuated children), she took up the making of colour prints from wood and linoblock, her scale of printmaking operations increased considerably.

Some of these later prints are among the most powerful work she ever produced. They range from the very intimate depictions of plants and flowers to large symbolic compositions embodying a vaulting cosmic vision. Though many of the wood-engraved illustrative prints can be appreciated almost as well in the reproductions of *The Wood-Engravings of Gertrude Hermes*, edited and introduced by the artist's daughter Judith Russell, the later colour prints really have to be seen at their original size for their full strength to be appreciated.

Hermes has been sneaking back into more general shows of women artists, such as "Decades" at Morley College last year. But it is clearly long enough since the last (and only) retrospective of her work at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1967 for us to be given this new opportunity to see her alone and whole.

● Gertrude Hermes *is at the Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1 (071-734 1732). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, until Feb 11.* The Wood Engravings of Gertrude Hermes *is published by Scolar Press, £68.50.*

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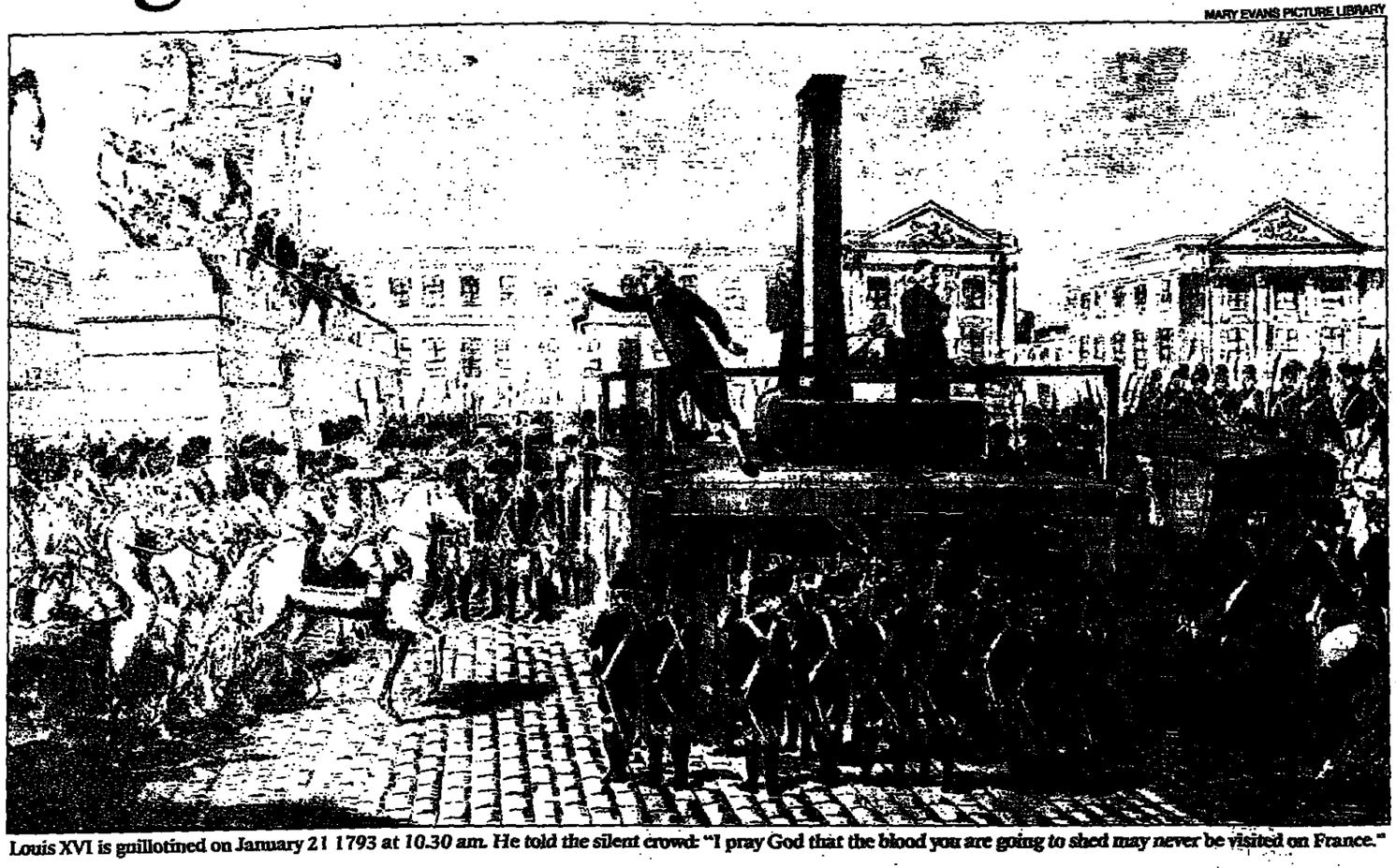
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Rumblings about the future of the British monarchy lend special interest to this work, published on the 200th anniversary of its subject's guillotining. Why did the most glorious monarchy in Europe fall victim to revolution?

As is made clear in this fine study, some of the blame belonged to Louis. Commonly presented as stupid and lazy, the king is revealed by Hardman to have been diligent and fairly intelligent, although his indecisiveness is confirmed. Louis is also seen as essentially upright, certainly in comparison with Louis XV and Louis XIV.

That he fell victim to revolution thus invites the question as to the nature of leadership in this period. Louis XVI was competent, particularly so, as Hardman shows, in the fields of finance, law and foreign affairs. What the Bourbon monarchy, however, needed was a man who was decisive and could command respect. In contrast to his predecessors, Louis never led his forces into battle. Had France avoided humiliation in the Dutch crisis of 1787, then the monarchy might have gained valuable prestige. The contrast in October 1789 between the delirious celebrations with which the Viennese greeted the news of the capture of Belgrade from the Turks by the forces of one of Louis XVI's brothers-in-law, Joseph II, and the enforced transfer of Louis and the court from Versailles to Paris, was a reminder of the value of success, which was easier to obtain through military victory than through internal policies.

Hardman reveals that Louis suffered from confusion of aims in 1789, a confusion that sowed distrust and contributed to the failure of the Estates General to bring about generally acceptable reform. It is difficult to avoid the thought that if Louis's ally Gustavus III, who had strengthened his authority in Sweden by a coup in 1772, had been in Louis's position in the summer of 1789 with forces near Paris, he would have acted more effectively. In 1790 Louis's brother-in-law, the Emperor Leopold II, was to reimpose order in the Habsburg dominions by a mixture of conciliation, guile and force.

Louis appears more sympathetic in Hardman's discussion of his fate during the Revolution. His thesis, that as Louis's political role was reduced his character, "refined by suffering", became more attractive, is fully vindicated. There is a particularly successful account of the flight to Varennes, and a sensitive portrayal of Louis's position during the last year of the monarchy. Hardman reveals that both before and after the fall of the Bastille, Louis showed a close interest in the fate of Charles I of England. History was his favourite reading, and the life of the martyr-king played an important role in Louis's sense of impending doom.

When his attendants were ordered to leave him on August 11, 1792, Louis remarked: "I am then in prison, and less fortunate than Charles I, who was allowed to keep all his friends with him to the scaffold." He did not, however, follow Charles's example and challenge the competence of the court, but offered a defence based on the laws in force at the times when he was alleged to have committed crimes. Hardman's justified sympathy for Louis's plight does not blind him to the king's deficiencies. He describes his replies to the charges as solid, but legalistic, negative and unimaginative. Unlike the next French monarch, Napoleon, Louis had scant idea of how to excite the passions or fire the imagination.

The circumstances of Louis's death reflect little credit on the populace of Paris, some of whom drank the blood that was copiously shed. Yet it was the king who had also failed them. The Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars led to slaughter on a scale that Louis's predecessors had never matched, and these wars sprang from the failure to manage peaceful reform and avoid revolution. In the end as so often, cautious, undistinguished and upright leadership was simply not good enough, a point that most modern British institutions with their dislike of flair, brilliance and energy would do well to consider.

As is usual with Yale books, Hardman's work is handsomely produced and attractively priced. Hardman draws both on his own extensive archival research and on the recent work of other scholars, most importantly Munro Price. His study is sobering, but also a fascinating account of a turning point in world history, and a worthy re-evaluation of its misunderstood principal victim.

Ian McIntyre

REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE 1770-1880
By François Furet
Blackwell. £40

For Guy de Maupassant, history was *cette vieille dame exaltée et menteuse* — "that excitable and lying old lady". Possibly he was thinking of the way Clio had told the story of the French Revolution. Certainly the field of revolutionary historiography is no less confused — and scarcely less bloody — than the Revolution itself.

The battles have also gone on much longer. Over the past two centuries, clericals have locked horns with anti-clericals, and "Right" interpretations of the Revolution have clashed with those advanced by republicans on the one hand and socialists on the other. Was the Terror a disgrace or merely an unfortunate necessity in an age of decadence? What was the role of the bourgeoisie? Is there a case to be made for the legitimacy of violence? Can one assail the Revolution as a conspiracy without disavowing the Enlightenment? Who saw more clearly into the revolutionary mind — Karl Marx or Honoré de Balzac?

When Ernest Rénan wrote about the Revolution in 1869 he asserted that "everything of importance which takes place in France is a direct consequence of this fundamental event". François Furet, the outstanding present-day historian of the Revolution, boldly sets Rénan's words at the head of this study of France in the hundred years and more that separate Turgot from Gambetta.

The boldness lies in his extended definition of the revolutionary era (Carlyle wrote "finis" after his account of Vendemiaire). Furet's narrative begins in 1770, the year of the marriage of the Dauphin to Marie Antoinette, and of the disgrace of Choiseul. He does not draw a line until 1880, the year in which an amnesty was decreed for the Communards and the Republic adopted July 14 as the annual national festival.

His thesis is that it took the French nation a century and more to come to terms with the violent eruption of republicanism that had destroyed the *ancien régime*. Only when republicans triumphed over monarchists in 1876-7 did France find itself with a regime which ensured not simply civic equality but also political liberty.

The early histories of the Revolution — those published in 1820s by the likes of Thiers and Mignet — were essentially works of political journalism which aimed to justify the revolutionary epoch. For Furet, the cornerstone of all revolutionary historiography remains the great literary monument erected by Jules Michelet between 1847 and 1853, although he acknowledges that his own work also owes much of its intellectual structure to Tocqueville's *L'Ancien Régime*, which established a more analytical tradition. In this century, Furet salutes the writing of that master of economic history Georges Lefebvre (whom he carefully describes as "a historian of Jacobin inspiration").

In chronicling the first century of democracy in France, Furet adopts the pattern of the two great cycles defined by his 19th-century predecessors. The first takes us from the Bourbon dynasty and the constitutional monarchy to the republic and the Napoleonic empire; this last Furet regards as having implanted the revolutionary heritage in a centralised administrative state, thus "closing" the Revolution.

The second chain of events, inaugurated by the establishment of the Empire in 1804, Furet sees as still haunted by the memory of what had gone before. Between the two cycles, however, he detects an essential difference. Whereas the revolution at the end of the 18th century had smashed the entire fabric of the *ancien régime*, the revolutions of the 19th century failed to demolish the administrative structure which was the legacy of the Consulate. He quotes Tocqueville on Napoleon: "By constructing this powerful hierarchy, he suddenly made revolutions easier for us, yet at the same time less destructive."

A great pit yawns at the feet of anyone audacious enough to attempt a synthesis of the vast corpus of knowledge which now exists about this period of French history. Inexpert synthesis can easily slide into generalisation and thence into tedium. With a writer of the intelligence and subtlety of Furet the danger is never realised and Antonia Nevill's skilful translation preserves much of the stylishness and brio of the original. Talleyrand, we read, was "both a lucid and corrupt interpreter of tradition and of the future". Victor Hugo is "that great addict of exile". "One can imagine," Furet writes (he is pondering Louis XVI's ability to ejaculate) "that this anomaly would have intrigued his libidinous grandfather, quite apart from the harm it was doing to the future of the kingdom."

The illustrations are rather austerely presented, and do not greatly add to the text. I also found the subject index unsatisfactory. Furet's discursive bibliography, on the other hand, is notable for the range not only of its historical but also of its literary reference. It enhances the value of an outstanding work of synthesis and imagination.

Ours to reason why not

Oliver Letwin

IRRATIONALITY
The Enemy Within
By Stuart Sutherland
Constable. £14.95

In his study of irrationality, Stuart Sutherland finds numerous types of mistake that we typically make when we think we are thinking. There is the "availability error" (being unduly influenced by features of the scene which happen to occupy our current field of mental vision) and its companion, the "halo effect" (being unduly influenced by one immediately striking aspect of a person or phenomenon). There is the tendency to be overly obedient or conformist even in cases where this entails denying one's own moral or prudential principles. There is the inclination to ignore or distort evidence which runs counter to one's prejudices. There are reliance on phoney correlations and causalities, inconsistency, misplaced consistency, overconfidence, unjustified reliance on intuition, incorrect calculation of utility and a whole host of other traits – leading to hopeless muddle and confusion.

The point of the book is not merely to list these lamentable mental deficiencies but to illustrate them in clear, non-technical accounts of the numerous experiments conducted by psychologists. Sutherland is himself a professor of psychology — and, after reading the book, one can see why. It seems to be the most tremendous fun. In New York state, two of these licensed jokers walked repeatedly out of a liquor store with a crate of lager saying "they'll never miss this" in order to demonstrate customer reaction — pure Saki, but real life.

Some of Sutherland's specific conclusions are unexpected and, if true, of considerable practical significance. Job interviews, for example, look to be doomed. Because of our friend, the "halo effect", as well as its colleagues-in-error, the "primacy effect" (being too influenced by the first thing one hears) and the "contrast effect" (being too influenced by the comparison of this interviewee with the last one), interviewing candidates turns out to do more harm than good.

The contrast, here, between what the psychological professionals appear to regard as well established theory and what actually happens is pretty remarkable. As Sutherland puts it: "It is curious that, despite the many published papers showing that in personnel selection the interview is useless, firms continue to employ it."

There are two plausible explanations for this discrepancy between theory and practice. The first, which Sutherland favours, is that we are massively over-impressed by our own "intuition", and trust to personal contact when we should be using actuarial analysis. The alternative is that an interview is doing more than simply to predict success or failure at the job. Might the purpose of an interview include, for example, finding out whether one *likes* the candidate?

Now this word, "likes", which we humans have a way of using, is something that Sutherland would regard as purely irrational. *Preference*, he knows about. Indeed, the view of humans expressed in his book is that they (1) have preferences, (2) ought rationally to implement strategies that optimise the chances of achieving the highest degree of weighted average preference satisfaction, and (3) alas too often get thrown off course by irrationality. But *liking*, in the sense of being *charmed*, is firmly in category (3) — something liable to throw a person off course.

One does not have to be an outrageous romantic to find this view of the world a little constricted. A universe of pure instrumentality — of businesslike strategies rigorously implemented — may be effective, upright, prosperous: but it lacks charm.

And charm is, well, *charm*. From one point of view, it is nothing at all. From another point of view, it is the thing that makes all the rest worthwhile. This raises a really interesting question — what are the proper limits of the businesslike? When, in other words, is charm charming and when does it become dangerous irrationality?

Unfortunately, that is not a question which Sutherland has set out to answer. But we cannot ask for everything in one volume, and there is nothing wrong with an unanswered question. The real merit of the book is that, for all its pessimism about human rationality, it does — in the immortal words — "make you think".

Oliver Letwin is the author of Ethics, Emotion and the Unity of the Self *(Croom Helm, 1987).*

'Yes, I schemed my way to political power in HOUSE OF CARDS.

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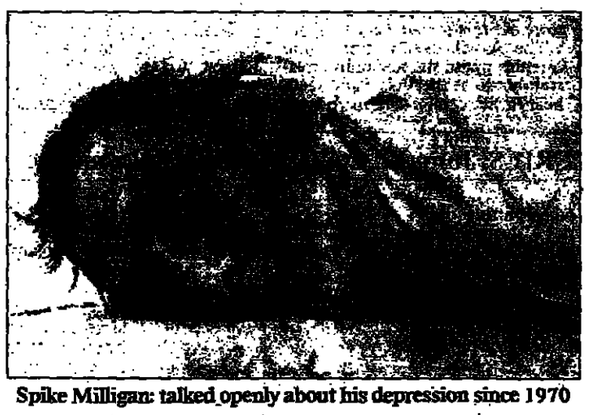
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Spike Milligan: talked openly about his depression since 1970

James Le Fanu

DEPRESSION AND HOW TO SURVIVE IT
By Spike Milligan and Anthony Clare
Ebury Press. £14.99
EXTREMES
Reflections on Human Behaviour
By A. J. Dunning
Sacker & Warburg. £14.99

Dr Anthony Clare is not universally liked. One prominent radio reviewer demanded his series *In The Psychiatrist's Chair* "should be stopped" adding "what he is trying to prove as he probes away with that convoluted Irish tongue eludes me". There are, of course, deep seated public misconceptions about the ways in which psychiatrists seek to bludgeon the mad back into sanity; as the most visible practitioner of this art, Clare is tarred with this opprobrium.

For myself, I have always been a fan. He strikes me as being vigorously sane, unlike some of his colleagues. He might give the impression of being a bit of a cold fish; but his judgment is balanced, his opinion sound and when expounding the complex problems of mental illness, these are inestimable virtues.

His latest book is a clever piece of opportunism. There is a lucrative market in self-help books for sufferers from everything from acne to incontinence, but instead of the usual pedestrian offering so characteristic of this genre, Clare has sought to make his rather gloomy subject interesting and entertaining by collaborating with Britain's leading manic depressive, Spike Milligan. This also provides an opportunity to write about the sexy, if slightly tangential, issue of creativity and mental illness.

Does it work? Clare's formal interview elicits the impact of Spike's mental illness on his multifaceted personality. Here is a man who is tempestuously intolerant of other humans, given to tirades about over-population and despoliation of our planet, who falls out and is even violent towards his former friends, and (Clare is subtle here) unable to recognise the flaws in his own character. In a second interview, when Spike's gloom has lifted a bit, we meet the same preoccupations tempered by a melancholic humour. I can think of no better method of illustrating the debilitating way in which depression exaggerates the least attractive character traits of its victims.

Again, very skilfully, Clare draws out the many contributory factors that have moulded Spike's psyche. He had a demanding mother — "she was always either hugging me close and loving me to death or hating and screaming at me" — and an often absent father. "What started here was Spike's temperamental tendency to expect to be let down, particularly by people close to him," Clare comments.

The experience of being shell-shocked during the war, with the consequent humiliation of being demoted on the grounds of cowardice, was clearly influential, as was the debilitating pressure of having to churn out his Goon Show scripts for six unremitting years. Without spelling it out, Clare demonstrates the inadequacy of the psychoanalytic pursuit of a unitary explanation for neurosis. The cause of depression cannot be known because it is different for everyone.

This also, however, turns out to be his book's main drawback. Ultimately the format proves too restrictive: the elucidation of Spike's unique problems crowds out the opportunity to examine the many other manifestations of depressive illness. Only in the most general way can Spike's experience shed light on the problems of a depressed working-class mother trapped with her small children in a high-rise flat, or the hypochondriacal obsessions of agitated depression that often mar old age.

This becomes particularly obvious when he discusses treatment. The intractable nature of Spike's form of manic depression conceals just how amenable other forms of depression can be to anti-depressant drugs if given in high enough doses for long enough. One could finish this book with a more pessimistic view of the survivability of depression than is warranted.

A. J. Dunning is head of the department of cardiology at Amsterdam University. His book also promises more than it delivers. His theme is a fertile one: the irrational in human conduct — whether martyrdom and heroism or perversion and cannibalism — illuminates the human condition better than boring psychological or biological theories. He contrasts the life of Joan of Arc with that of her notorious contemporary Gilles de Rais, who lured young boys to their deaths within his castle walls. As both suffered the same fate of being tried before an ecclesiastical court and then burnt at the stake, the author takes the opportunity to discuss theories of good and evil. Shallow stuff.

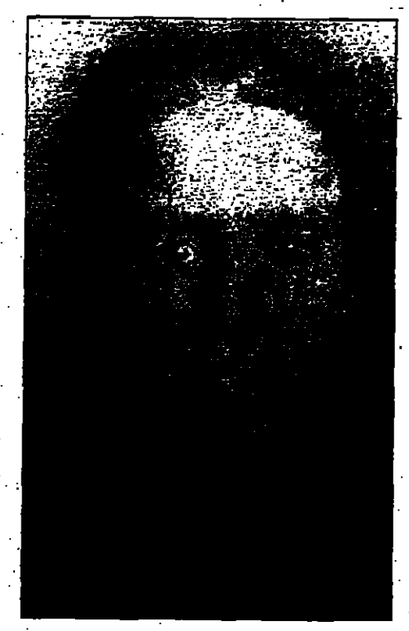
There are nonetheless some rich pickings of a less pretentious kind, particularly when he draws out interesting parallels between afflictions of the past and those of the present. The nervous exhaustion that invalided so many out of the trenches in the first world war, with a diagnosis of "soldier's heart", bears a striking similarity to the contemporary ailment of ME or chronic fatigue syndrome.

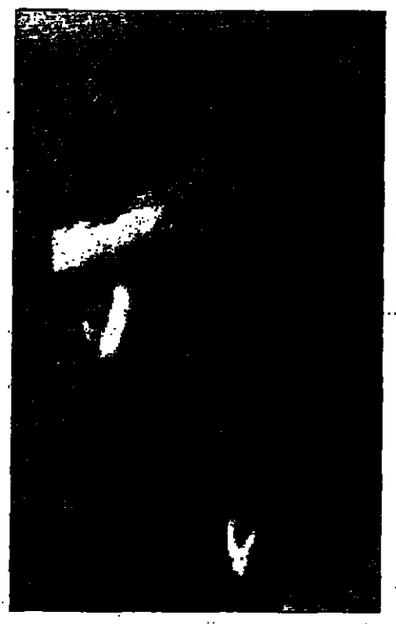
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Darling of women in love

Is D. H. Lawrence dated? A new analysis tempts **Victoria Glendinning** to try again













Lawrence and his women: (above, l. to r.) his mother, Lydia, who alienated her children from their father; Lawrence himself in 1920; his wife, Frieda, with whom he "found himself"; (below, l. to r.) his grand friends: Cynthia Asquith; Ottoline Morrell; Dorothy Brett

The name of D. H. Lawrence elicits violent responses. His sexual portentousness makes some people cringe. They would run a mile to escape his tumescent purple prose, not to mention his fascistic attitudinising. Others, especially those brought up in a repressed atmosphere, have found in his novels both liberation and revelation, and think of him with reverence. I am inclined to agree with Elaine Feinstein that "his essential spirit is best reached through his poetry".

Lawrence died more than 60 years ago, and it is a tribute to his literary potency that he is still often thought of as a "modern" writer, and assessed as such. He wrote about provincial people and coal-miners' families, he wrote about bodies in what was for the time crude language, and to many of his contemporaries his fiction seemed outrageously indecent.

LAWRENCE'S WOMEN
The Intimate Life of D. H. Lawrence
By Elaine Feinstein
HarperCollins, £18

His heavy-duty phallic evangelism is not calculated to appeal to late twentieth-century women. It was mostly the inflation of fantasy; he had sex in the head. Lawrence was a late developer, and when, in his youth, sexual contact was less than ecstatic — which was all of the time — he blamed the girl, rather like British Rail blaming delays and cancellations on the wrong kind of snow.

As a young man he sustained unsatisfactory relationships with a series of unsatisfactory (to him) local girls. Feinstein charts these ups and downs sympathetically, but it remains a dreary catalogue of emotional and physical fumblings between puritanical, inexperienced young people.

The book springs back to life when Lawrence in his mid-20s meets Frieda, a German baroness six years older than himself, then the wife of the professor of German at Nottingham University. Frieda actually liked sex and had no inhibitions. Lawrence had enjoyed, though that is not the right word, full sexual relations with two women before Frieda. After meeting her, asserts Feinstein, "he was to sleep with no other woman". Their marriage was a thrilling emotional battleground, but Lawrence never really learned anything. "Not only did he not have the least idea of how to arouse a woman by his caresses, his later writing suggests he came to think that no woman should need him to do so."

Frieda was fat and healthy, he was thin and already infected with the tuberculosis that was to kill him. He found her sexual expectations alarming and sometimes disgusting. Yet his religion, expressed repeatedly and powerfully in his work, was his belief that instinct, "blood wisdom" and the "fire in the loins" were superior to intellect. Perhaps no powerful preacher can practise what he preaches, since it is precisely the frustrated longing that makes the preaching powerful. Like a lot of weedy men, Lawrence glorified masculine physical perfection. He well understood the allure of homosexuality.

Most writers on Lawrence have been men. Women are good at seeing through other women. Feinstein is very clear-sighted in the first section of her book, which is the best, about Lawrence's mother. Lydia Lawrence was famously idolised by her children, especially by David Herbert. This was largely her own doing. She forged intense relationships with the children, alienating them entirely from their father and teaching them to see her as the heroic victim of his ignorance and tyranny. Her husband could do nothing right. This interpretation makes the reader feel sorry for the father, as indeed did Lawrence, looking back at the end of his life.

Deeply involved with his mother, Lawrence identified with her concerns and was happy to do "women's work" as a boy. Throughout his marriage to impractical Frieda, it was he, even when he was ill, who did the cooking and cleaned the floors in the various cottages, shacks and villas they rented or were lent in Germany, Italy, England, the United States and Mexico.

He was a New Man, with an Iron John banging about inside him unable to get out except in print. One result of his parents' quarrelsome marriage was the way he wrote about relations between men and women as a struggle for power, which nature, in his view, intended the male to win. He had wanted his first girlfriends to share his aspirations to write, but several respectful steps behind. Aggressive male superiority became a matter of dogma to him. After his marriage, he found a role as an adviser or moral guide to unhappy rich women, such as Lady Cynthia Asquith and Lady Ottoline Morrell. To many women he was a genius who interpreted them to themselves. Sometimes he betrayed them cruelly in his fiction afterwards, which led to rifts. The Hon. Dorothy Brett, a deaf, plain painter, became his devoted slave for life, much to Frieda's irritation. The one weak point of this book is its structure. It begins, as the title would suggest, by considering Lawrence in terms of the important relationships in his life. But by the time we are halfway through, the thematic approach has collapsed and it has become a conventional narrative — a useful short biography, as a matter of fact, for those who do not need anything as comprehensive as John Worthen's work in progress, of which only the first volume has yet appeared.

This is not a feminist re-telling of Lawrence's life. Frieda, like Lawrence's mother, gets a long cool look from Elaine Feinstein. Frieda was lazy and unfaithful and often absented herself as Lawrence grew more ill. The loss of her children, when she ran off with Lawrence, caused her terrible suffering. Yet in spite of all the ensuing rows and fights, it was only with Frieda, Feinstein believes, that Lawrence found himself; and for her, Lawrence was the one child whom she could never leave. It is Lawrence's childlikeness that is endearing.

By the end of this book most readers will agree with Feinstein that "it is the task of our generation to learn to read him again with compassion". OK, I promise I'll try.

Love me, love my sushi

Lois Rathbone

KITCHEN
By Banana Yoshimoto
Translated by Megan Backus
Faber, £12.99

Banana Yoshimoto wrote *Kitchen*, two parallel stories with foody themes, in quiet moments at a restaurant where she was working as a waitress. Since then "Bananamania" has swept Japan, *Kitchen* has sold millions of copies and Yoshimoto has consolidated with a collection of essays entitled *Pineapple Pudding*.

In the title story, Mikage, a young cook who sleeps next to refrigerators in times of stress, is rescued from bereavement after the death of her grandmother (the last of her family) by a fellow-college student, Yuichi, and his impossibly glamorous mother, Eriko. She goes to live with them and discovers that Eriko, now the owner of a night-club, is in fact Yuichi's father, but had a sex-change operation after his wife's death. Yuichi and Mikage become friends over a series of minutely-described dinners, and finally admit to love over a plate of *kutsudon* (pork and rice).

What makes *Kitchen* so beguiling is the way such bizarre, intense subjects are dealt with in the lightest of touches. Three deaths occur in the first 40 pages, but the comic tone never falters. Even the fatal stabbing of Eriko is played for laughs. She goes down fighting, bludgeoning her infatuated attacker to death with a barbell.

Death also takes centre stage in *Kitchen*'s companion story, *Moonlight Shadow*. Two teenagers learn to cope with bereavement after the death of their respective lovers in the same fatal car crash. Hiragi takes to wearing his dead girlfriend's gymslip to school as a badge of mourning, while Satsuki, the narrator, takes up jogging and meets an angel on her morning run. She is later granted a ghostly leave-taking with her lover in a sort of Tokyo rendition of *Truly, Madly, Deeply*.

Yoshimoto's simple, elegant style may invite comparisons with Kazuo Ishiguro, but where he dreams up an idyllic Japanese past, Yoshimoto evokes a realistic urban landscape of noodle shops, department stores and flats the size of broom cupboards. With some intelligent comments on love and bereavement, and a light touch with magic-realism, this is an infectiously good-humoured read.

Damned by reiterated crimes

Christine Verity

LIVING DANGEROUSLY
Young Offenders in Their Own Words
By Roger Graef
HarperCollins, £14.99



BOB COLLIER

Some youths rely on crime to support expensive habits

Anyone who has dealt with young offenders experiences conflicting emotions: despair at their frequent, seemingly unstoppable, brushes with the law, and sympathy for their often miserable family backgrounds. Yet at the same time young criminals can be charming and bright. Surely if the right way of handling them could be found, society could be saved a great deal of time, trouble and money? Only the most hardened proponent of punishment for its own sake does not now accept that prison only seems to make matters worse.

The writer and broadcaster Roger Graef is convinced that prison is the wrong way of dealing with persistent young male offenders. In a series of films and books he has shown rare insight for an outsider into the minds of criminals, their victims and the police. It was Graef who exposed on television the harrowing way in which rape victims were interviewed and thus forced a change in police practice. In this book he has interviewed nine young offenders with a string of convictions typical for their age group: pilfering, burglary, drugs dealing and car theft.

The interviews took place after the young men had taken part in an intensive course at Sherborne House. This is a day centre in south London which is something akin to David Mellor's "last chance saloon", an alternative to the prison to which they would be despatched smartly if they failed to attend. Like all such schemes the idea is to keep the young offender occupied and involved — in this case with skills like carpentry and metalwork — but also with sporting and outdoor activities. The mornings are spent in group discussions with probation officers, trying to understand their motivations for crime and their attitudes towards themselves and their victims. According to Graef, the few studies that have been undertaken indicate that such programmes are much more effective than prison at reducing both the frequency and seriousness of reoffending, at a lower cost.

Fourteen young men — eight white and six black — began the course, but 24 had signed the original contract. By the end of the ten weeks only ten of them had completed the course. Does Graef then prove his point that such schemes can radically alter the criminal disposition of such hardened offenders? Not really. Bar one, the participants on the course were all arrested on criminal charges some time after leaving. When Graef interviewed them a year later, several were back inside.

While the course was in progress, two experienced hands, Joel and Sunny, stole expensive cameras that belonged to the centre; others continued taking and dealing in drugs or nicking the odd car. To Graef they were all victims of their circumstances and indeed the record of family breakdown, and attendance at children's homes is there for all to see. But for whatever reason, nature or nurture, their horizons appear to be remarkably limited. All set great store on the right kinds of jeans and trainers. Winston says that he cannot go back to college because he would not be able to afford the clothes he could buy when he was "working" (stealing). On a trip to Ostend taken as part of the course, we learn that "in the marathon hunt for Johnnie's jeans Sam handled his own poverty gracefully, only stealing a cheap pair of sunglasses".

Graef is not just a bleeding heart liberal: he recognises that these young men lie and dissemble. But he all too easily falls into ingenuous, if decent, responses. He helps several ex-inmates of Sherborne House to get work; but their tendency is to fail to turn up or to fall by the wayside. More questionably, Graef puts the knife into, of all people, John Major, who during his time at the social security department tightened up on dole applications. But how much should the state do for people like Bobby, who "thought nothing of losing £50 in a visit to an average pub" or Sam, who when loaned £23 by the probation service, spent most of it on the fruit machines in Ramsgate?

Despite the failure of prison to alter their behaviour, none of them seemed to like the idea of going there. Visited at a later stage in Feltham Young Offenders Institution by Graef, Sunny opines that "you realise that crime don't pay". Mark thinks that the regime at Sherborne House was "too easy compared to prison, locked in a cell". Stan admits that what stopped his dad was five years in Brixton. So the question for the public — at the receiving end of Joel's search for drugs and Johnnie's determination to have smart jeans without paying for them — is: do places like Sherborne House offer a serious alternative to prison in the fight to stop young criminals like these from re-offending? The answer, on the basis of this book, must be no.

Undoubtedly the course on offer could be improved. What purpose can there be in filling the minds of street-wise criminals like these with politically correct notions that even the most educated members of society find hard to swallow? One can only applaud the burglar Sam's amazement when told that a black man had invented the light bulb. "But it was Thomas Edison!" expostulates Sam. No, says the probation officer, it was one of his black assistants. It is probably true that you would still not hear that kind of thing in prison.



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Macmillan Inc v Bishopsgate Investment Trust plc and Others

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment January 14]

In giving evidence to a liquidator about the affairs of the company employing him, or in giving evidence in court, an employee could not be said to be acting in the course of his employment.

The employer was not entitled to demand from the employee a copy in the employee's possession of the transcript of evidence or information given as to the questions asked by the liquidator or the answers given by the employee. Accordingly, the transcript was not a document within the employer's power for the purposes of discovery.

Mr Justice Millett so held in the Chancery Division in deciding an *interlocutory point in proceedings* between Macmillan Inc (incorporated under the laws of Delaware, USA) and Bishopsgate Investment Trust plc and seven other defendants. The instant issue arose only between the plaintiffs and the second defendants, Shearson Lehman Brothers Holdings plc.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Mr *David Oliver, QC, Mr Murray* Rosen and Mrs Jane Giret for Macmillan; Mr Charles Aldous, QC, Mr Robert Hildyard and Mr Michael Green for Shearson Lehman.

Mr JUSTICE MILLETT said the application was by the plaintiff for specific discovery of a document from the second defendant, Shearson Lehman.

The document in question was a copy of a transcript of evidence *given by a Mr Haas to the* liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management plc (BIM), an associated company of the first defendant.

Mr Haas was not a party to the litigation. He was the head of the stock-lending department of Lehman Brothers International Ltd, an associated company and wholly owned subsidiary of Shearson Lehman, and in the course of his employment he had a business *relationship with BIM. He was* examined pursuant to an order, obtained by the liquidator, under section 236 of the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Haas was in possession of a copy of the document. When in the witness box last December he was asked to produce a copy of his evidence to the liquidators but he refused unless ordered to do so by the court. After lengthy argument, his Lordship had refused to order him to do so, although the application was supported by the liquidator.

In order to succeed in the application for discovery, the plaintiff *had to establish three things: (i)* that the transcript related to *questions in issue in the action*, (ii) that the transcript was within Shearson Lehman's possession, custody or power, and (iii) that its production was necessary fairly to dispose of the action or for the saving of costs.

His Lordship was satisfied that the transcript was relevant to the issues and that its production was necessary fairly to dispose of the action, although not for the saving of costs.

The questions that remained were whether the transcript was in the possession, power or custody of *Shearson Lehman and whether* there was a public policy which would preclude an order for production.

The plaintiff's claim was based entirely on the fact that Mr Haas was, and remained an employee of Shearson Lehman, or of its subsidiary. The document was not in *Shearson Lehman's possession or* custody, so the sole question was *whether it was in Shearson Leh*man's power. The plaintiff's claim was based on Mr Haas's alleged obligations as an employee towards his employer.

Shearson Lehman's first objection was that Mr Haas was not and never had been its employee. The evidence derived *from Mr Haas himself was that he* was employed by Shearson Lehman Brothers Overseas Inc and Shearson Brothers International Services Inc, neither of which was a subsidiary of Shearson Lehman, but that he had been seconded to Lehman Brothers by his employers, and had not at any time performed any duties for Shearson Lehman.

The case *had so far proceeded* on the basis that he had been employed directly by Lehman Brothers. There might be a doubt as to whether strictly speaking he was employed by Shearman Lehman, or was merely seconded to that company, but that for present purposes was irrelevant since his Lordship was prepared to accept that on secondment an employee owed the same duties of good faith *and the like to the employer* to whom he was seconded as he did *to his contractual employer.*

Whether or not Lehman Brothers had *the right to demand* production of the transcript from *Mr Haas, Shearson Lehman*, had no such right. That fact, by itself was enough to dispose of the application, but his Lordship was unwilling to dispose of it on that basis alone, for three reasons:

First, because it would be singularly unmeritorious and technical in the circumstances, where Lehman Brothers would have been the relevant defendant but for a transaction undertaken after the relevant events although before the issue of the writ:

Second, because the case had been conducted so far on the basis that Shearson Lehman should give discovery of all relevant *Lehman* Brothers documents, and no point *had so far* been taken, no doubt because they would be susceptible to subpoenas, and

Third, because if the application were refused solely on the ground that Mr Haas was not an employee of Shearson Lehman, and owed it no duties, such procedure by subpoena or an amendment of *pleadings would be likely to follow.*

After considering the terms of *rules 9.5.2 and 9.5.1* of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925), his Lordship said that he was satisfied that those rules embraced a matter of general public policy.

A private examination was conducted in private and in confidence, its purpose was to serve the *liquidation*, which was why the contents of transcripts would not *normally* be disclosed without the liquidator's consent.

For reasons his Lordship had explained at some length in *In re Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers Ltd* (*The Times* June 13, 1991; [1992] 2 WLR 36) witnesses were often anxious to obtain guarantees of confidentiality and when an *examination was conducted other*wise than under section 236 it was the liquidators' practice to offer limited guarantees of confidentiality, it being important that witnesses asked to provide information concerning their employer's affairs should not be *inhibited in disclosing* information. That would be of no avail if *the witness's own copy of his* evidence were compellable at the *suit of his employer.*

His Lordship referred to the *words of Lord Diplock in Lonrho v Shell* ([1980] 1 WLR 627, 635), to the effect that "power" had to mean "a presently enforceable legal *right* to obtain from whoever actually holds the document inspection of it without the need to obtain the consent of anyone else".

The document of which discovery was sought was not created or obtained by Mr Haas in the course of his employment, or of discharging any duty owed to Shearson Lehman. He was examined because he was believed to have information about the affairs of BIM. It was therefore necessary to distinguish between the document and the information it contained.

But an employee was not bound to inform his employer of any matter relating to his employer's affairs and which was of interest to *his employer, regardless of the* manner in which the information was obtained.

It was essential to distinguish between first and second generation information. A demand to know what the liquidators asked Mr Haas and what he told them was second generation information and it was not information which came to Mr Haas "in the course *of his employment*".

He was not acting in the course *of his employment* when being examined by the liquidator or when appearing before his Lordship in court. He gave evidence to the liquidators because he was ordered by the court to do so, not because he was an employee.

His obligation to provide information to the liquidator was *derived from statute, not from his* contract of employment.

It was going too far to suggest that an employer was entitled to *require* an employee to produce any document in his possession which related to his employer's business or which his employer had a legitimate interest in seeing.

Therefore, the transcript of evidence was not a document within the power of Shearman Lehman and the application was dismissed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Freshfields.

Covenant not to be relied on

Rhone and Another v Stephens (executrix)

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Steyn

[Judgment January 15]

The unclear wording of a positive covenant by a vendor in a deed conveying a part of his property could not be relied on to qualify the effect of a clear and unambiguous parcels clause identifying the part of the property that was being conveyed.

Moreover, because of the continued existence of the much criticised rule in *Austerberry v Oldham Corporation* ((1885) 29 Ch D 750) that the burden of a positive covenant could not run with freehold land, the vendor's covenant to maintain the roof over the part of the property conveyed was not enforceable against his successors in title.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mrs Jean Stephens, the executrix of the deceased owner of *Walford House, Combwich*, Somerset, from the judgment of Judge Cotterell in Bridgewater County Court in July 1991 whereby he granted the plaintiffs, Ronald and Hazel Rhone, the owners of Walford Cottage, a declaration that the defendant was the owner of defective roofing overlying their *cottage and was liable in nuisance* for failure to keep it in repair. The judge had made various orders against the defendant including one that she pay damages of £4,913 to the plaintiffs.

Mr David Spens for the defendant; Mr J. A. Virgo for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that in 1960 the freehold owner of Walford House had conveyed away as a separate *dwelling part of his property* together with some land. That part became known as Walford Cottage. The effect of dividing the *property was that part of the roof of* Walford House, the disputed roof, overhung a part of Walford Cottage.

The clear effect of the parcels clause in the 1960 deed together with the attached plan was to convey the disputed roof to the plaintiffs. However by clause 3 of the deed the vendor covenanted "for himself and his successors in title . . . to maintain to the reasonable satisfaction of the purchasers and their successors in title such part of the roof of Walford House . . . as lies above the property conveyed in wind and watertight condition."

Walford House changed hands, being acquired in 1977 by Mrs Barnard. In 1981 the plaintiffs acquired Walford Cottage. By 1984 severe leaks in the disputed roof appeared and the plaintiffs asserted that Mrs Barnard was under a duty to repair it.

Her attempts to do so were inadequate and having denied the plaintiffs access to do the work themselves, legal proceedings became inevitable. Mrs Barnard died after the plaintiffs' action was commenced.

Judge Cotterell had held that the disputed roof was owned by the defendant and that her failure to maintain it constituted an actionable nuisance.

The ownership of the disputed roof raised a short question of construction of the the 1960 conveyance. In any case where the extent of property conveyed was in issue a court had to be made with an interpretation of the parcels, where in most cases the enquiry also ended.

The description of Walford Cottage, not being limited in any way, had to include the whole of the *structure including the disputed* roof. It was not permissible, as the plaintiffs had argued and the judge had held, to take into account the wording of the clause 3 covenant to demonstrate that the parties had intended that the property conveyed should not include that part of the roof. The words of a mere covenant could not be called in aid to qualify the effect of a grant which was itself clear. It was the plaintiffs and not the defendant who owned the disputed roof.

Mr Virgo accepted that that conclusion meant that the plaintiffs had no cause of action in nuisance or negligence. Thus they sought to enforce the clause 3 covenant to repair against the defendant.

Mr Virgo agreed that they could not enforce it by virtue only of the covenant, the subsequent conveyances of Walford House and the subsequent assignments of the benefit of the covenant. That was because it was established in *Austerberry v Oldham Corporation* that although the benefit of positive covenants which touched and concerned other land could run with freehold land, the burden *of them could not.*

That rule, whose discovery had shocked more than one eminent judge unversed in the subtleties of property law, had been the subject of criticism and of recommendations by the Law Commission for its abolition or modification.

It was hard to justify its retention in the *familiar case* where, as here, each successor in title of the covenantor, by means of the indemnity that he was invariably required to give to his vendor, had notice of the covenant.

It was hard to see why the rule applicable to negative or restrictive covenants under the doctrine of *Tulk v Moxhay* ((1848) 2 Ph 774) should not apply to positive covenants as well.

Nevertheless the rule in *Austerberry* remained in full force. Although the House of Lords might feel able to abolish or modify it, the Court of Appeal was bound by it.

The plaintiffs' case could only succeed if they could circumvent the rule by what Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, in *Titu v Waddell (No 2)* ([1977] Ch 106, 289-311) had called the pure principle of benefit and burden.

The benefits relied on by Mr Virgo as a basis for invoking that principle were those reserved to the vendor by the omnibus reservation of easements in clause 2 of the 1960 deed: first the easement of eavesdrop for the passage of rain water from the roof of Walford House over the disputed roof and second the easement of support for the roof of the house by the disputed roof.

However a benefit which was technical or minimal, see *Titu v Waddell* (at p305H), could not be a sufficient basis for invoking the principle. Both benefits relied on by Mr Virgo were of that character: the easement of support was both technical and minimal and that of eavesdrop, if not technical, was certainly minimal.

An alternative cause of action relied on by the plaintiffs on the footing that they were the owners of the disputed roof was one based on estoppel. That was a new line of argument requiring formal amendment of the pleadings and Mr Virgo's application to raise it had, after consideration of the merits, been refused.

Even if leave had been granted it was very doubtful if that new case could have succeeded. Although there was sympathy for the plaintiffs the appeal should be allowed and their action dismissed.

Lord Justice Steyn agreed.

Solicitors: Edwin Coe for Allctsons, Bridgewater: Pardoes, Bridgewater.

Notice required before closure of home

Regina v Devon County Council, Ex parte Baker and Another

Regina v Durham County Council, Ex parte Bronson and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment December 21]

In determining whether to close any of its residential homes for old people, a county council was not obliged to consult, through its officers, with each individual resident.

In the context of an admitted duty to act fairly in making the decision to close, the residents (i) should have known that the closure of a home was under consideration well before the actual decision to close was made, (ii) should have had a reasonable time *to put forward any objections* to closure, and (iii) their objections should be considered by the particular council.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment (i) dismissing the appeal of Helen Mary Baker and Nellie Edith Johns from the dismissal by Mr Justice Popplewell (*The Times* October 20, 1992) of their application for judicial review of the decision of Devon County Council on October 24, 1991, to close Tory Brook and to phase out Ingleside residential homes, but (ii) allowing the appeal of Elizabeth Jane Bronson and Mabel Curtis against the judge's decision dismissing their application for judicial review against the decision of Durham County Council on January 15, 1992, to close Ridgway House residential home.

Mr Anthony Bradley and Miss Sile McGuckian for the appellants: Mr John Samuels, QC and Mr Roger McCarthy for Devon County Council: Mr Anthony Porten, QC and Mr David Blake for Durham County Council.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the particular residential homes were established by the councils under section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948, but it was not in doubt that any council had power, in appropriate circumstances, to close such a home.

Mr Bradley contended in essence that each council owed a duty in law to consult the permanent residents of a home over any proposed closure of that home and not merely over what was to *happen to the residents after the* home was closed: in the Devon case he said that specific promises of consultation had been given by letters by the chairman of the council's social services committee.

His Lordship considered the evidence in that case and found that in respect of the Ingleside home rumours of possible closure arose as early as August 1988, and that there was no doubt that the council's officers and councillors were well aware of the strong opposition of the residents of both homes and their supporters to possible closure.

There was no suggestion that the residents and their supporters acted to their detriment in reliance on promises or assurances of consultation.

On the contrary, support committees in respect of both homes had, and took, ample opportunity to publicise their cause and put the grounds of their objections to closure before councillors: nor were they prevented from so doing.

His Lordship found that the residents knew their homes were *under threat* well before the final decision to close was made, and *that the* council was *making a* comprehensive survey and assessment of all its residential homes, that there was ample time to make representations, and that the council's officers were scrupulously fair in putting all such representations before councillors.

Each individual resident did not have an individual right to be consulted face to face by permanent officers or groups of councillors.

Consultation could perfectly well be achieved by meetings held by council officers with the residents generally at a particular home or by views expressed through the support groups.

In the Durham case, the closure of Ridgway house did not have the long drawn out history that the question of closures had in Devon. Council officials were aware that there would be opposition from residents to any closure of homes.

Nothing was done about consultation with residents except a letter sent by hand to each home five days before the meeting of the council's social services committee on January 15 that approved the closure of the home.

In his Lordship's view, the letter did not give the residents sufficiently clear notice that closure of the home was under consideration, nor did it give them long enough time to make representations to the council about closure. Therefore the case of procedural unfairness was made out.

On the argument by the councils that judicial review should not have been granted because of the *alternative remedy of an applica*tion to the Secretary of State for Health under section 7D of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, as inserted by section 50 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, it was not clear to his Lordship whether the duty to consult in the present context was itself a social services function for the purposes of section 7D.

In view of that and as the issue was entirely one in law in a developing field which was peculiarly appropriate for decision by the courts rather than the secretary of state, the appellants were not precluded from making their *applications for judicial review by* the availability of another remedy.

Lord Justice Farquharson agreed and Lord Justice Simon Brown gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: *Gill Akaster*, Plymouth and Turners, Hartlepool; Mr W. A. *Burkinshaw*, Exeter; Mr R. J. Humphries, Durham.

No exemplary damages against agent

Daley and Another v Ramdath

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Steyn

[Judgment January 18]

In a case of unlawful eviction, *payment of exemplary damages* could not be ordered against a defendant acting as the landlord's agent unless it was established that he himself stood to benefit from the eviction.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing in part an appeal by the second defendant, Gary Daley, the son of the landlord and first defendant, from the judgment of Mr Recorder Bridges Adams in Willesden County Court in January 1992 ordering, *inter alia*, the second defendant to pay to the plaintiff, Mr Kaselal *Ramdath*, exemplary damages of £2,500.

Miss Lorraine Irwin for the second defendant; Mr Martin Seaward for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE *said that the plaintiff was the* tenant of a flat at Salisbury Road, Kilburn, London. The first defendant was the landlord. From about June 1991 on the second defendant began to manage the flat for his father, seeking to increase the plaintiff's rent.

The recorder described the eviction as an extremely bad one, the second defendant acting with flagrant disregard for the law. He held that the way in which the plaintiff's possessions were treated and the threats to which he was subjected were primarily the responsibility of the second *defendant.*

He said that the manner of the eviction was not simply discourteous but brutal and that it was an *appropriate case for awarding* substantial exemplary damages.

The recorder concluded that the first defendant should pay the plaintiff general and exemplary damages totalling £3,500 and that the second defendant should pay a total of £6,397, to include a sum of exemplary damages of £2,500.

Relying on *Rookes v Barnard* ([1964] AC 1129), Miss Irwin argued that the recorder had erred in ordering payment of exemplary damages against the second defendant. His conduct had not, she said, been within either of the categories of cases at common law there *laid down by Lord Devlin* (at pp1226-7) where such an award *could be made. It simply had not* been established, she contended, *that his conduct had been* calculated to make a profit for himself.

In *Drane v Evangelou* ([1978] 1 *WLR 455*) the Court of Appeal made it clear that an action for unlawful eviction was capable of falling within the second category of cases stated by Lord Devlin in *Rookes v Barnard* "whenever it is necessary to teach a wrongdoer that tort does not pay".

In the present case the evidence established no more than that the second defendant had been closely associating himself with the interests of his father. But that was *not sufficient to bring him with* Lord Devlin's second category, as *explained in Drane.*

Before ordering payment to the plaintiff of exemplary damages the recorder would have had to satisfy himself that the second defendant had acted so as to make a profit for himself. He had failed to apply the right test and his order could not stand.

Lord Justice Steyn agreed.

Solicitors: Goodwin Harte, Harrow; T. V. Edwards, Harlesden.

Recalling jury once discharged

Regina v Follen

Where a judge had made an order discharging a jury from returning a verdict, *there was no fixed rule of* principle or of law which prevented him from setting that order aside to allow the jury to deliberate further, but the circumstances where that might occur were extremely rare.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Kay) so held on January 14 in allowing an appeal by Dennis *Christopher Follen* against his conviction in August 1991 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Dennison QC and a jury) of buggery.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the jury forewoman had been asked on two occasions in the plainest possible terms whether the jury had come to a conclusion and on both occasions the answer was *in the negative.*

The jury were then asked *whether they were likely to reach a* verdict upon which at least 10 of them were agreed and again the answer was negative. The jury were discharged but after a disturbance in the public gallery and another disturbance in the jury box the judge took it upon himself to send the jury out to their room to *think again.*

Even though the jury had not left the jury box before the judge changed his mind, setting aside *such an order was not to be lightly* undertaken and only in very rare *circumstances.*

The court did not regard the instant case as coming *within that* category. It was a most unsafe thing to do and accordingly the appeal had to be allowed.

Removing control of child

Regina v Leather

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Kay

[Judgment January 12]

The words in section 2(1)(*a*) of the *Child Abduction Act 1984* "so *as* to remove him from the lawful control of any person having lawful control . . ." did not contemplate the geographical removal of the child, but the removal of the control of the child from the parent or other person having lawful control to the accused.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of John Holdsworth Leather against his conviction on October 4, 1991 in Guildford Crown Court (Judge Hayman and a jury) of offences of taking and attempting to take a child without lawful authority so as to remove the child from lawful custody, on which he was sen*tenced to a total of two years* imprisonment.

Mr Graeme Williams, QC and Mr Keith Hadrill, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Lindsay Burn for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE OWEN, giving the judgment of the court, said that *it had* been argued for the appellant that, although it was common ground that children had been taken, in each case that taking was not so as to remove the child from the person having lawful control of that child.

It was submitted that the words of the section required the child to have been taken to some place outside the control of the parents or other persons having lawful control. Their Lordships did not accept that the concept of control as used in the 1984 Act had a necessary spatial element.

A relevant question to ask would have been whether in each case the child concerned, without any law*ful authority or reasonable excuse*, was deflected by some action of the accused from what he would otherwise have been doing, with the consent of the person having lawful control, into some activity induced by the accused.

If the answer was "yes" it was open to the jury to say that the *offence was made out.*

The trial judge had correctly rejected a submission of no case to answer, no fault could be found in the summing up, and there was no reason to think that the convictions were in any way unsafe or unsatisfactory.

Solicitors: CPS, Guildford.

Rent payable without deductions

Electricity Supply Nominees Ltd v IAF Group Ltd

Section 3 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 did not preclude a landlord relying on a covenant by *the tenant to pay rent and other* sums payable under the lease without any deduction or set-off.

Mr A. Hamilton, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on November 18 giving judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the plaintiff landlord.

HIS LORDSHIP said paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 1 to the 1977 Act excluded from the operation of sections 2 to 4 of the Act "any contract so far as it relates to the creation or transfer of an interest in land". All the covenants *that were integral to the lease* which created the interest in land related to the creation of the interest in land. Section 3 of the Act did not apply to the anti-set-off clause in the lease.

Bait-digging justified for fishermen

Anderson v Alnwick District Council

Before Lord Justice Evans and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment December 21]

Bait-digging on the foreshore was justified by the public right to fish when the bait was taken by persons who required it in exercise of that right.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing the appeal of Anthony Ernest Anderson and quashing the decision of Alnwick Justices which convicted him of an offence contrary to a bylaw prohibiting bait digging, and fined him.

Mr David Wood for Mr Anderson; Mr Alun Alesbury for Alnwick Council.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, delivering the judgment of the court, said that a public right to take worms from the foreshore was recognised by the common law and could properly be described as ancillary to the right to fish.

The right was restricted by its ancillary nature and the taking of the worms had to be directly related to the exercise of the public right to fish. The taking of worms for commercial purposes was not justified.

Solicitors: Monkhouse Pollard, Blyth; Adams, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Justice appeared one-sided

Regina v Richmond and Gilling West Magistrates, Ex parte Steel

A clerk to justices erred in warning the defendant and his witness about the significance of giving perjured evidence when no such *warning* had been given to the prosecution, since it gave the appearance of justice not being even handed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Tuckey) so held on January 15 in allowing an application for judicial review and quashing the conviction for criminal damage of the defendant, Gary Steel by the Richmond and Gilling West Magistrates Court on February 26, 1991.

MR JUSTICE TUCKEY said *that* the defendant's principal ground was that there was an *apparent unfairness* in his case. He submitted that he and his witness were treated by the court so as to suggest that they might have been going to commit perjury.

In his Lordship's judgement, it was undesirable for the defendant and his witness to have been given the warning when the prosecution had not been given any warning since it created a suspicion that a *fair trial* was not possible.

In any event, if there was a matter of concern about the risk of perjured evidence being given it was *probably more appropriate* if the matter was raised by the court itself rather than by the clerk.

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Defect in trial remedied by Court of Appeal hearing

Edwards v United Kingdom
(Case No 79/1991/331/404)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges *Thor Vilhjalmsson, F. Matscher, L-E.* Pettiti, C. Russo, J. De Meyer, I. Foighel, *F. Bigi and Sir John Freeland*

Registrar M-A. Eissen

[Judgment December 16]

Although non-disclosure by the prosecution authorities to the defence of all material evidence gave rise to a defect in trial proceedings, that was remedied by subsequent proceedings before the Court of Appeal.

Accordingly, the European Court of Human Rights found, by 7 votes to 2, that the applicant had received a fair trial in the United Kingdom as guaranteed by article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Article 6 of the Convention provides: "1 In the determination . . . of any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair . . . hearing . . . by an independent and impartial tribunal. . .

" 3 Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following minimum rights: . . . (d) to examine or have examined witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance and examination of witnesses *on his behalf under the same* conditions as witnesses against him . . ."

Article 13 provides: "Everyone whose rights and freedoms as set forth in this Convention are violated shall have an effective remedy before a national au*thority notwithstanding that the violation* has been committed by persons acting in an official capacity."

On November 9, 1984 the applicant was convicted at Sheffield Crown Court on one count of robbery and two counts of burglary. He received a sentence of imprisonment of ten years for the robbery and two sentences of eight years for the burglary offences. All three sentences were to be served concurrently.

On March 21, 1986 the Secretary of State for the Home Department referred *the applicant's case to the Court of Appeal* (Criminal Division) under section 17(1)(a) *of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 after a* police investigation (the Carmichael report) had revealed, *inter alia, that evidence* had been withheld by various police witnesses during the applicant's trial.

In particular, the police had not disclosed the fact that one of the victims, who had made a statement that she thought she would be able to recognise her assailant, had failed to identify the applicant from a police photographic album and, second, that other fingerprints had been found at the scene of the crime. The evidence against the applicant had consisted of detailed verbal admissions that he was implicated in the offences.

After reviewing the shortcomings in the *police evidence, the court considered that it* could not be said that the convictions were unsafe or unsatisfactory.

The applicant lodged his application *with the European Commission of Hu*man Rights on September 29, 1986. The case was *initially* rejected for non-observance of the six-month rule in 1987 but subsequently restored to the list by the President of the Commission on July 13, 1988 after the applicant had shown that he had, in fact, complied with that requirement.

The Commission declared the application admissible on October 9, 1990.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on July 10, 1991 establishing the facts of the case and *expressing the opinion, by eight votes to* six, that there had been no violation of *article 6, paragraph 1 read in conjunction* with paragraph 3(d) and, by twelve votes to two, that no separate issue arose under article 13.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

A Alleged violation of article 6

The guarantees in paragraph 3 of article 6 were specific aspects of the right to a fair trial. It was thus unnecessary to examine the relevance of paragraph 3(d) to the case since the applicant's allegations, in any event, amounted to a complaint that the proceedings had been unfair.

The Court therefore confined its *examination to that point. In so doing, the* Court had to consider the proceedings as a *whole, including the decisions of the* appellate courts. Moreover, it was not within the province of the Court to substitute its own assessment of the facts *for that of the domestic courts and, as a* general rule, it was for those courts to assess the evidence before *them*. The Court's task was to ascertain whether the proceedings in their entirety, including the way in which evidence was taken, were fair.

The Court considered that it was a requirement of fairness, recognised under English law, that the prosecution authorities disclose to the defence all material evidence for or against the accused and that the failure to do so in the present case gave rise to a defect in the trial proceedings.

However, when that was discovered, the secretary of state, following an independent police investigation, referred the case to the Court of Appeal which examined the transcript of the trial *including* the applicant's alleged confession and considered in detail the impact of the new information on the conviction.

In the proceedings before the Court of Appeal the applicant was represented by senior and junior counsel who had every opportunity to seek to persuade the court that the conviction should not stand in view of the evidence of non- disclosure. Admittedly the police officers who had given evidence at the trial were not heard by the Court of Appeal.

It was, none the less, open to counsel for the applicant to make an application to the court, which they chose not to do, that the police officers be called as witnesses.

In the course of the hearing before the European Court, the applicant claimed, for the first time, that without the disclosure of the Carmichael Report to the *applicant* or to the Court of Appeal the proceedings, considered as a whole, could not be fair.

However, it was not disputed that he could have applied to the Court of Appeal for the production of that report but did not do so. It was no answer to the failure to make such an application that the Crown might have resisted by *claiming* public interest immunity since such a claim would have been for the court to determine.

Having regard to the above, the Court concluded that the defects of the original trail were remedied by the subsequent procedure before the Court of Appeal. Moreover, there was no indication that the proceedings before the Court of Appeal were in any respect unfair.

Accordingly, the Court found, by seven votes to two (Judges Pettiti and De Meyer dissenting) that there had been no breach of article 6.

B Alleged violation of article 13

Before the Court, the applicant accepted the Commission's opinion that there had been no breach of article 13 and abandoned that complaint. It was therefore not necessary for the Court to examine it.

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John Goodbody on the cultural restraints preventing one ethnic group in Britain from making an impact

Asians still to give themselves a sporting chance

Afro-Caribbean blacks have made a huge contribution to British sport. From Daley Thompson to John Barnes, Tessa Sanderson to Frank Bruno, they have secured fame and money in a variety of high-profile activities.

Of Britain's 392-strong Olympic team in Barcelona last summer, 37 were black. Three of England's 16-strong cricket party for the tour of India and Sri Lanka this winter, and between 20 and 25 per cent of the membership of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), also have Afro-Caribbean backgrounds.

However, Britons of Indian and Pakistani extraction have been far less prominent, with no professional footballers of repute and only two members of the Olympic team. Even in cricket and hockey, the sports for which the countries are renowned, there have rarely been outstanding players. From the southern Asian community, only ten cricketers who are eligible to represent England are now on the staff of county clubs and, over the last 20 years, only five players have been picked for Britain in the Olympics at hockey. Why?

It is not that there are more blacks in Britain. Recent population surveys estimate that there are about 528,000 people of West Indian origin, about 727,000 Indians and 284,000 Pakistanis.

A study on the ethnic minorities and sport by a group at Manchester University led by Professor Gajendra Verma, published in July 1991, stated that females were "significantly less likely to participate if they were Hindus and Muslims than if they were Christians or of no belief", but pointed out that "males seem unaffected by their religious beliefs, whatever they were".

But, in reviewing much of the evidence, the report reinforced one widespread belief by suggesting that Afro-Caribbean youngsters are "channelled into sport at the expense of their subjects and the Asian community does not value physical education and sport as much as other groups".

Researchers in the Active Lifestyle project in Coventry have also reported that, although Asian youngsters had similar physical aspirations to their counterparts from other ethnic groups, they had less knowledge of sporting opportunities and received less encouragement from parents to participate.

Imran Sherwani, whose goals helped Britain win the 1988 Olympic hockey gold medal, agreed that there is an emphasis in the Asian community on studying and work. "Parents are sometimes not prepared to take youngsters to sports events," he said.

Last year, Jeoff Thompson, the black world karate champion, chaired the first ethnic minorities conference for sport and recreation. He concluded: "The focus of the Indians and Pakistanis is economic strength first and fun afterwards, whereas, with the Afro-Caribbeans, it is the other way round."

Thompson also pointed out that indigenous sports like kabbadi, a type of British "bulldog", and beeni, a form of arm wrestling, have remained popular with some of the southern Asian community, which has prided itself on cultural independence and used its wealth to maintain its own activities. "Blacks have not had this financial background, nor their own sports, and have had to join in the mainstream of British sport," Thompson said.

Many Indian and Pakistani youngsters have become enthusiastic footballers, despite the lack of tradition in the sport and the absence of any inspirational figures. Brendan Batson, the black deputy chief executive of the PFA, compares this to his own experiences as a youngster in the 1960s, when many Afro-Caribbeans felt as alienated from the game as the Asians are now.

He said: "We then had a lack of role models. Parents also did not understand that you could earn a living in football. They sometimes deterred their sons from entering the game." Andrew Lyons, of the Midlands region of the Sports Council, who has made a study of the subject, said: "Perhaps few Asians are trying to break into the professional ranks because sport is simply not seen as a route to social mobility."

However, although so many blacks have succeeded as professional footballers, no Premier or Football League club now has a black director, whereas the Kumar brothers at Birmingham City are among the Asians who have reached boardrooms.

Hockey is different. For many years, India and Pakistan dominated the sport. However, the lack of money in the game caused Sherwani to retire after Britain's victory in 1988, aged 26 and probably at his peak. He was aided in preparing for the Olympics by his parents, who were "really fabulous" in helping him run his newsagency shop in Stoke-on-Trent. This allowed him to train three hours a day before Seoul.

"Some Asians do not understand the European attitude towards sport: the getting up at six o'clock to run up the hills, so hard that you are physically sick," he said. "I know of two or three very talented Asian players who did not like that approach. They were not prepared to train hard enough."

Sherwani was lucky that his father, a Pakistani international, encouraged him, and he got his break when he was put forward to an under-16 representative side. "If I had not been seen, then maybe I would have slipped through the net," he said.

Bernie Cotton, the Great Britain team manager at the 1992 Olympics, emphasised that as far as the national team was concerned, there was no bias against the Asian community. The British teams at the last three Olympic Games had contained a total of only one Scot, and no Welsh or Irishmen, he said.

However, he added that at county and divisional under-18 level, selection can be about personal contact. "The Asians, with the best will in the world, sometimes are not told about trials taking place," he said. "It is at that level that we are not able to tap the full resource of the sport."

If hockey remains essentially amateur, cricket enjoys the advantage for Asians of being both professional and a sport in which they have excelled. Pakistan are the World Cup holders and India have produced a series of attractive sides.

Taj Butt, a development officer in Bradford's recreation department, said that more youngsters from the southern Asian communities are likely to take up cricket than the native whites. "However, the problem is not getting people to play cricket, it is the level at which they are playing," he said. Coaching is too often poor or non-existent, and because Asian clubs have only been formed more recently, they often get offered the worst facilities. Whereas blacks sometimes form their own teams, they usually do not have their own leagues and regularly meet white teams. They also seem more integrated with whites, because much of the black immigration occurred before that of the Asians.

Butt is treasurer of the Quaid-e-Azam Sunday cricket league in Bradford, which next year will have 31 teams. Asians often prefer their own leagues, partly because of the social aspects. Many players are teetotal and find it awkward to mix after games with whites.

Yorkshire County Cricket Club has frequently been accused of either ignoring or, at least, not encouraging ethnic minority talent. However, Butt said that officialdom is changing lower down the scale. "One of the most positive steps has been the decision of the Yorkshire Cricket Association to have one Asian and one Afro-Caribbean on its committee," he said.

Keith Andrew, the chief executive of the National Cricket Association, the governing body for the amateur game, said that he foresaw the time when counties like Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire would have large numbers of Asian players.

"So many of them are playing the game in schools and clubs," he said. "It is all a matter of evolution."

BARRY GREENWOOD



Work comes first: Sherwani, behind the counter of his newsagency, says the Asian emphasis is on study and employment

PARTICIPATION LEVELS AND MOST POPULAR SPORTS GROUP BY GROUP

WHITE 65%

Male	Female
1= Swimming	1 Swimming
1= Football	2 Keep fit
3 Snooker	3= Aerobics
4= Weight-training	3= Badminton
4= Pool	5 Cycling

WEST INDIAN 59%

1 Pool	1 Keep fit
2= Football	2 Swimming
2= Swimming	3 Dancing
4= Badminton	4 Badminton
4= Basketball	5 Aerobics

INDIAN 50%

1 Badminton	1= Swimming
2 Snooker	1= Badminton
3 Football	3 Tennis
4 Pool	4 Keep fit
5 Swimming	5= Squash
	5= Netball

PAKISTANI 37%

1 Football	1 Badminton
2 Snooker	2 Swimming
3 Cricket	3 Keep fit
4= Swimming	4= Carramboard*
4= Table Tennis	4= Dancing
4= Weight-training	

* a traditional table game similar to snooker

Source of bar chart: Sports Council, Survey of people over 16 participating in one activity over a four-week period in 1990.

Source of activity popularity: Manchester University school of education. From interviews and questionnaires from 911 people (443 males and 468 females) aged between 16 and 29 in Greater Manchester.

SPORTS LETTERS

Sport needs charitable status

From Mr Don Earley

Sir, A major obstacle needs to be overcome before the national lottery can be established as a charitable foundation (report, January 14).

While environment and arts lend themselves easily to charitable status, sport generally does not. This is largely because its organisation is based on clubs, operating for members' exclusive benefit.

To overcome this the Charity Commissioners need to accept that sport advances education (in this case, physical education) and hence quality of life for the community.

For any organisation to be registered, its objectives must be exclusively charitable. The acceptance of sport could then allow the national lottery to be established as a charity with considerable tax benefits. In any case, administrators of non-profitmaking sports clubs should consider becoming recreational bodies for public benefit, capable of charitable registration.

Yours faithfully,
DON EARLEY,
Fields Director, National Playing Fields Association,
25 Ovington Square, SW3.

From Mr Stuart Polak

Sir, The National Heritage Secretary is wrong. There is no difference between the luck of a lottery and the luck needed to win on the football pools.

If, as he believes, there is a skill element in the pools, then surely the football experts would predict eight score draws weekly. This is not so.

Many people who fill in the coupons are using favourite numbers, without considering the form.

Mr Brooke should bear in mind the employment levels and should not jeopardise the large amounts of money currently received by the Football Trust, the arts, and even by the Treasury, from the pools promoters. There is room for a national lottery and for the pools, but not for one at the expense of the other.

Therefore, to create the level playing-field, the rules for advertising taxation, access to retail outlets and rules regarding prize-money should be equal for lottery and for pools.

Yours faithfully,
STUART POLAK,
45b Westbourne Terrace, W2.

Players have benefited from SRA funding

From the Chairman of the Squash Rackets Association

Sir, Chris Walker and Tony Hands (Sports Letters, January 14) are strong on rhetoric, but noticeably short on facts.

The budget for running this year's national squash championships was £24,000, excluding staff costs. This effectively represents a contribution from the non-professional players of the game in England, there being no commercial sponsor or Sports Council support. As a consequence there has been a reduction in the funding available for other valued Squash Rackets Association (SRA) programmes.

The additional cost of playing on a transparent court would have been £15,000. The BBC did not have an available slot to televise this year's event, and the only coverage available would have been on satellite at a minimum fee for the SRA of £15,000. To have staged the event in the manner demanded by the players would have more than doubled its cost. If, in addition, we had acceded to the players' demands for an increased prize fund, the cost would have more than trebled.

The players have not "carried the SRA through previous championships when sponsorship was not available". Over a period of ten years this was only the second time the event has been without a sponsor.

The sponsorship over this period totals £621,000, with prize funds totalling £239,635. The players did play in the unsponsored 1990 championships (with an almost identical prize fund to this year) and were thanked, both publicly and privately, for their support.

Over the same period, acting principally as a conduit for public (Sports Council) funds, the SRA will additionally have spent £860,000 on its elite programme. The principal beneficiaries of such expenditure have been some of those players involved in the current boycott. Arising out of their involvement with the SRA, these same players have also benefited from additional direct personal grants and training programmes. The sums involved are not readily available to quote here, but amount to thousands rather than hundreds of pounds.

Walker and Hands have no direct knowledge upon which to base their allegation that the SRA marketing of the event has been "poor". The results of staff endeavours are evidenced above and were reported the same day as the players' letter was published, when sponsorship of the event for the next two years was announced.

It is true that there have been better times than now, but the recession has affected sponsors, promoters, governing bodies and players alike. It was therefore encouraging to read the players' commitment to the future. This commitment is matched at the SRA, and hopefully can be harnessed to the sport's benefit.

Yours faithfully,
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IOC can curb drug abuse

From Sir Arthur Gold

Sir, Prince Alexandre de Merode — as chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission — was reported (January 12) as opining that ten per cent of Olympic competitors are regularly involved in drug abuse and that this (somewhat conservative) estimate would continue until proper out-of-competition testing was implemented.

This can be done — relatively easily — if the IOC introduces the requisite rule.

Yet it has studiously avoided the suggestions I have submitted through five different routes — including the British Olympic Association and the European Sports Conference drug abuse committee — to the effect that the IOC eligibility rule No. 45 should include the requirement that "to be eligible to compete in the Olympic Games . . . a competitor must provide a doping control sample whenever called upon by a properly authorised Olympic official".

Were this to be adopted and implemented it would — at a stroke — introduce overnight, and worldwide, out-of-competition testing in 30 Olympic sports.

If Prince de Merode will persuade his eligibility committee to adopt this requirement it would go a long way towards eradicating his estimated number of elite competitors who indulge in drug abuse.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR GOLD,
48 Friern Mount Drive, N20.

Better answer

From Mr D. J. Martin

Sir, Mr Lee's assertion (Sports Letters, January 14) that the solution to Rangers' isolated excellence is for them to join the English Premier League to form a British League is typical of an attitude which supposes that the aspirations of a Scottish football club are in some way to emulate those of the English.

May I suggest that the aspirations of Rangers extend beyond the UK — unless, of course, English football clubs can provide all-seat stadiums, catering and toilet facilities for the 21st century and a decent standard of football.

Yours faithfully,
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Dundee,
Tayside.

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Motion vindicated

From Mr R. J. A. White

Sir, The England cricket selectors — in whom members of MCC are invited to record a vote of "no confidence" at a special general meeting next week — have themselves vindicated one of the pillars of criticism levelled at them by the members who have requisitioned the meeting.

The third paragraph of the members' submitted statement reads: "... and at the selection of a sixth seamer rather than the promising spinner Ian Salisbury".

Yours sincerely,
REGINALD J. A. WHITE,
Swallerton,
24 Headland Avenue,
Seaford, East Sussex.

From Mr Roger Bailey

Sir, Why is the money still being spent to hold the special meeting?

The "Rebels" have agreed that, whatever the outcome, it would have no influence on the present position. Furthermore, David Gower has also suggested that whilst he was very pleased to hear of the outcry, he felt that the meeting should not take place.

Surely the correct action would have been for Messrs Oliver, Trelford and co. to obtain the required number of votes to request an emergency general meeting after MCC's AGM, held in May, when the tour results would be known.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. BAILEY,
5 Pitch and Pay Park,
Sneyd Park, Bristol 9.

Back to front

From Mr R. N. G. Stone

Sir, When England's rugby union team won the grand slam last year for the second consecutive time, the slams were described by many commentators as "back-to-back".

I wondered then why grand slams, when personified, had to be visualised as two people standing facing away from each other rather than, as is more natural to the concept of consecutiveness, as both facing the same direction with one staring at the other's back.

I now wonder even more keenly how the personification will be extended if a third grand slam is added. Assuming the first two maintain their position, the third can either stand facing one of them ("front-to-front" with one but not the other), or stand in line with the gap between the existing two, facing in one of at least three directions (back/front/side-to-side").

Yours faithfully,
R. N. G. STONE,
92 Foxwell Street, Worcester.

England's oldest

From Cdr. J. Goldsmith

Sir, As far as recent claims to the being accepted as England's oldest cricket club go (Sports Letters, December 24, January 14; Diary, January 8), Hambledon has never seriously aspired to such pre-eminence. Our moment of glory on Broadhalfpenny Down has other roots.

We cannot be sure when Hambledon CC was founded due to the loss of our early records in a fire at Lord's. Some cricket historians say that the club must have been formed in the early years of the eighteenth century, but it is more generally believed to have been about 1750. The earliest surviving record that we have dates from 1755. Oddly enough, it comes from the *Reading Mercury*, which advertised the loss of a dog at a cricket match on Broadhalfpenny Down.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOLDSMITH,
Little Symonds,
Hambledon, Hampshire.

ATHLETICS

Reynolds case warning from Nebiolo

Jakarta: Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), warned yesterday that legal action by Butch Reynolds might cause "great trouble" for the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

The 400 metres world record-holder was awarded $27.3 million (about £17.62 million) damages by an American court against the IAAF last year after it suspended him for two years over a positive drug test in 1990. The IAAF has refused to recognise the court's jurisdiction.

"If this continues, it will risk giving great trouble to the Olympic Games at Atlanta," Nebiolo said. "If an athlete disqualified by us is reinstated by a civil court, we will not accept it."

Nebiolo also dismissed threats by athletes to boycott this year's world championships if prize-money was not awarded. "We believe a boycott is not possible," he said. "If some athletes do not take part, we have millions and millions of athletes." *(Reuter)*

Answers from page 40

RICHARD
(a) and (b). A detective or "dick", mainly US, since 1914: "A surprisingly high proportion of well-to-do murderers hire private richards to delve into the demise of their victim." 1974. In British slang, since c. 1950, abbreviation of rhyming slang Richard the Third = bird = female.

SPIELRAUM
(a) The range of possibilities (orig. in probability theory) within which the probability of an outcome or likelihood of a hypothesis is to be assessed, from the German *spiel* play + *raum* room: "I propose to borrow from a theory of probability the concept of a spielraum. In connection with the judgments we make about freedom, this metaphor of a playing-space can be applied in three ways."

BEACONITE
(c) In the history of the Quakers, one of a party who, following the lead of Isaac Crewdson, held that the current Quaker doctrines were contrary to Scripture and seceded in 1836, from *beacon* in the title of Crewdson's *A Beacon to the Society of Friends*, 1835: "The position of the Beaconites — i.e. the position of literalism and ultra-orthodoxy."

JETTATURA
(b) The evil eye, bad luck, *jettatore* is a person who brings bad luck, from the Italian *iettatura*: Mrs Gaskell: "Their glance, if you meet it, is the jettatura, or evil eye."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
Solution: the black rook on c5 is exposed, so 1 Bxe6! and if 1 ... Qxe6 2 Qxc5.

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More seeds wither as Courier and Stich are disciplined for losing their cool in blistering heat

Hotheads fined for blowing off steam

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE

JUST when the survivors of the first round thought it was safe to emerge from the wreckage, two more of the men's top seeds came to grief in the second round of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. Michael Chang and Richard Krajicek both lost in four sets on a day of suffocating heat that caused tempers to fray among even the coolest of customers.

As the surface temperature on the centre court touched 135°F at times, Michael Stich was given a code violation for an audible obscenity and fined $500, while Jim Courier made a gesture to the umpire that was deemed twice as offensive and was duly fined $1,000. The defending champion was so incensed by the injustice of his treatment during his straight-sets victory over Robbie Weiss, he subjected the umpire, Wayne McKewen, of Australia, to a vice-like handshake at the end of the match and a volley of sarcasm afterwards.

"I told him how much I liked his shirt, what a beautiful day it was. Asked him if he would like to play some golf," Courier said. "Every close ball of mine was called out, every close ball of his was called in. Other than that, I was totally satisfied." Overall, it was a bad-tempered sort of day, lightened only by Andrei Medvedev, the young Ukrainian with the on-court timing of Miloslav Mecir and the offbeat humour of Groucho Marx.

Asked if it was true that his hero was Nick Faldo, Medvedev replied: "Not true. I read that somewhere and wondered who is this guy. Does he play hockey or chess? I wanted to know. Then I saw him on television and he was really fantastic. But he cannot be my hero because I don't like golf." There was, though, something clinical and Faldo-like about Medvedev's 61-minute 6-0, 6-1, 6-0 dismantling of Lars Koslowski. At the tournament where he first shot to prominence 12 months ago, Krajicek found the combined irritations of blinding sunshine, 95° heat and Todd Witsken, of Indiana, all too much.

Chang, beaten for the fifth time in six matches by David Wheaton, became the fourth of the top ten seeds to fall, three of them — Becker, Krajicek and Chang — from Courier's half of the draw.

Stich endured five tortuous sets and mounting frustration to outlast Fabrice Santoro in a marathon. At times, the speed of Santoro's serve dropped so low the ball seemed to defy the forces of gravity in its effort to climb over the net. Stich heads the fast-service table with a serve of 126mph, but found power alone counted for little against the quick-witted Frenchman and the No. 14 seed had to struggle for three-and-a-half hours before moving through to meet the Australian, Jason Stoltenberg, in the third round.

"I think I was the better player," Stich said. But that very sense of superiority can be the German's downfall. He led 5-2 in the first set and 4-2 in the fourth, lost both, and was slowly drawn into playing Santoro's game of patience. Unhappy with a call in the tenth game of the fourth set, Stich was given a code violation for an audible obscenity by the umpire, David Littlefield, and summoned the supervisor to sort out a problem with the service monitor.

The cyclops was turned off for the deciding set, in which Stich survived a break point at 4-4 with a desperate forehand volley before ending the French resistance 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Chang apart, the evidence of the past three days at Flinders Park suggests that the natural laws of equality, which have maintained the balance between the server and the returner for the past 100 years or more, are beginning to take effect. Of the top ten fastest servers recorded on the two main show courts, only four — Pete Sampras, Jim Courier, Christian Bergstrom and Stich — have reached the third round. So, either the pace of Rebound Ace courts at the national tennis centre has slowed in the heat, or the light brigade is learning how to combat the big guns.

Witsken, for one, has been working hard on his service return for the past 18 months and reaped his reward in a comprehensive 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Krajicek, the No. 9 seed, and a semi-finalist here last year.

Without taking anything away from the Hoosier — as natives of Indiana are termed — there is a suspicion that Krajicek's hectic schedule at the end of the last year has taken its toll. He came down to Australia very early, but has left his best form back in Europe. Witsken arrived from a snowbound Indianapolis only six days ago.

The women's matches also produced their first upsets as the mercurial and accident-prone Jana Novotna, the No. 8 seed, came to within a match point of victory before, somewhat inevitably, collapsing to Robin White. Lori McNeil, seeded 12, went out to Nicole Provis.



Punchy approach: Stich shows his determination as he powers his way to victory over Santoro in the second round of Australian Open


Novotna: defeated

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: J Couner (US) bt R Wass (US), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt L Kosiowski (Ger), 6-1, 6-0, 6-1; C Garner (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; J Morgan (Aus) bt M Damm (Cz), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Stich (Ger) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J Siemerink (Holl) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-1, 6-3, 6-4; K Jones (US) bt L Mattar (Bz), 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-1, 6-1, 2-0, ret; T Witsken (US) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4; K Carlsen (Den) bt M Filippini (Uru), 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt A Mancini (Arg), 0-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 8-6; G Raoux (Fr) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; D Wheaton (US) bt M Chang (US), 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: K Po (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-4, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt K Date (Japan), 6-1, 6-1; M Oremans (Holl) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-1, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt M Kiene (Holl), 7-5, 6-4; G Fernandez (US) bt N Arendt (US), 6-4, 7-6; P Fendick (US) bt A Grossman (US), 6-1, 7-6; J Halard (Fr) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; M Seles (Yug) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Jansi (GB), 7-5, 6-1; N Dahlman (Fin) bt S Stafford (US), 6-1, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt W Probst (Holl), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt D Feber (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; I Demongeot (Fr) bt M Endo (Japan), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; R White (US) bt J Novotna (Cz), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; N Provis (Aus) bt L McNeil (US), 3-6, 6-1, 8-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt G Doyle (Aus) and J Eagle (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; S Downes (US) and D MacPherson (Aus) bt H Holm (Swe) and B-O Pedersen (Nor), 6-4, 7-6; H J Davids (Holl) and L Pimek (Bel) bt T Carbonell (Sp) and C Costa (Sp), 7-6, 7-6; B Garnett (US) and T Middleton (US) bt D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovskiy (Rus), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; N Borwick (Aus) and S Youl (Aus) bt M Gotfner (Ger) and D Prinosil (Cz), 7-6, 7-6; M Kell (US) and D Randall (US) bt R Bathman (Swe) and R Bergh (Swe), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, P McEnroe (US) and J Stark (US) bt R Deppe (SA) and B Steven (NZ), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; T Nelson (US) and T Svensson (Swe) bt J Doner (Swe) and O Jonsson (Swe), 6-7, 6-3, 11-9; R Fromberg (Aus) and J Morgan (Aus) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por) and T Zdrazila (Cz), 6-3, 7-5; M Bingos (US) and T Kronemann (US) bt N Broad (GB) and S Kruger (SA), 7-6, 6-3; L Jensen (US) and M Jensen (US) bt S Baldas (Aus) and S Draper (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; M Kratzmann (Aus) and W Masur (Aus) bt M Renstrom (Swe) and M Tillstrom (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) and J Siemerink (Holl) bt D Perez (Uru) and F Roig (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; K Kimmer (US) and S Salumaa (US) bt B Dyke (Aus) and C Limberger (Aus), 7-5, 6-7, 14-12.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: M Maleeva (Bul) and M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt C Kuhlman (US) and L Novelo (Mex), 6-3, 6-2; A Frazier (US) and R Hiraki (Japan) bt J Wiesner (Austria) and R Zrubelova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; T Morton (Aus) and C Wood (GB) bt S Lohmann (Ger) and V Martinek (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt L Golarsa (It) and N Herreman (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA) and J Richardson (NZ) bt C Stanley (Aus) and L Stacey (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt J Halard (Fr) and A Huber (Ger), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi (US) bt E Iida (Japan) and K Rietdorf (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; A Fusai (Fr) and N Tauziat (Fr) bt K-A Guse (Aus) and T Price (SA), 6-4, 6-1; P Hy (Can) and S Reha (US) bt K Godridge (Aus) and P O'Reilly (US), 6-3, 6-3; L Davenport (US) and C Rubin (US) bt R Simpson-Aker (Can) and T Whitinger (US), 7-5, 6-1; J Emmons (US) and G Helgason (US) bt M Miyauchi (Japan) and A Sugiyama (Japan), 6-3, 7-6; B Bowes (US) and T Whitington (US) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) and P Langerova (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; C MacGregor (US) and S Stafford (US) bt J Byrne (Aus) and J Faull (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; N Pratt (Aus) and K Sharpe (Aus) bt M Kidowaki (Japan) and N Sawamatsu (Japan), 6-3, 7-6; K Date (Japan) and M Jaggard-Lee (Aus) bt C Benjamin (US) and P Thoren (Fin), 7-5, 6-1; L Fleming (Aus) and S Testud (Fr) bt A Grossman (US) and A Temesvari-Trunkos (Hun), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

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MOTOR RALLYING

Sainz leads the field in Monte Carlo

Monte Carlo: Carlos Sainz, who has left Toyota for Lancia, will begin the defence of his world championship today when the field for the Monte Carlo rally sets off from five European cities — Bad Homburg, Barcelona, Lausanne, Reims and Turin — to arrive in Monte Carlo in time to start the first stage of the rally on Saturday.

"I'm a little bit sad to leave Toyota, but now they know that I will be doing my best to beat them," Sainz said yesterday. Didier Auriol, of France, who is driving for Toyota, is likely to offer the biggest challenge. *(Reuter)*

RALLY DATES: Jan 21-27: Monte Carlo. Feb 11-14: Sweden. March 2-7: Portugal. April 9-13: Safari Rally. May 1-5: Tour of Corsica. May 29-June 3: Acropolis (Greece). July 14-17: Argentina. August 4-8: New Zealand. August 25-29: 1,000 Lakes (Finland). Sept 16-20: Australia. Oct 10-14: San Remo (Italy). Nov 1-4: Costa Brava (Spain). Nov 21-25: Lombard-RAC (Great Britain).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan spurn World Sevens

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN's announcement yesterday that they will send a second-string squad to defend their World Sevens title in Australia could end their involvement in the event.

Concerned by a faltering campaign in the Stones Bitter championship, the club has selected a squad from the Alliance team, without a single international. "The league is more important," Jack Robinson, the club chairman, said. "We are always keen to support international rugby but this is a crucial stage of our season."

Wigan's sense of priorities did not, however, go down well with those planning next month's event in Sydney. Geoff Prenter, the tournament organiser, said: "I would have thought Wigan, being a proud club, would have sent their best line-up in the hope of defending the title.

"Teams invited to the World Sevens who do not field their best team will not be invited back the following year."

Robinson, however, said: "The side we are sending is full of first-team experience and has plenty of ability with players like Jason Robinson. We were nominated by the Rugby League to go to Sydney and had no choice in the matter."

Wigan's next league fixture is at home to Bradford Northern on February 7, the weekend of the sevens tournament. After consecutive defeats by St Helens and Warrington, the game has assumed a new importance, which would increase should St Helens stretch their lead over Wigan to six points by beating Halifax, who have injury doubts about a third of the side, at Knowsley Road tomorrow.

The sevens, which is seen by most clubs as an unnecessary intrusion into an overcrowded season, has already prompted Warrington to refuse to release their scrum-half, Kevin Ellis, to represent Wales in the tournament.

Meanwhile, Les Holliday, the Great Britain forward, has become the fifth player to join the transfer list at Widnes, who are more than £500,000-worth of international stock for sale, including Adrian Hadley, the former Wales rugby union threequarter.

To avoid further fixture problems, the Rugby Football League has said that Bradford and Wigan will keep playing until there is a winner of the Regal Trophy final at Elland Road on Saturday. If the sides remain tied after 30 minutes of extra time, there will be ten-minute periods until a result is reached.

WIGAN (squad for World Sevens): P Atcheson, S Naylor, A Stoop, J Robinson, M Crompton, I Gildart, A Ferrell, B Mather, M Cassidy, M Forshaw

RUGBY UNION

England's players reject code on commercial activity

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A CODE of practice on commercial pursuits introduced by the four home unions' committee this month has been rejected by the England squad taking part in the five nations' championship.

Although the Irish and Scottish squads have signed what is described as a participation agreement, and the Welsh squad is expected to do so, England players do not see the need for it.

The code has been drawn up by a working party established by the home unions. Although much of what it includes has long been the norm, it was thought desirable to find common ground for the commercial undertakings in which all national squads now engage.

"The committee wants to try to find a level playing field and it was hoped that, once the home unions had reached agreement, the French would invite their players to sign it, too," Air Commodore Bob Weighill, the four home unions' secretary, said yesterday.

Participation agreements have been standard practice for countries touring overseas and have also been in force during two World Cups, and the new three-page document is said to be no more restrictive than those. But the England players believe it is unnecessary and may prove hard to enforce.

"We know we are bound by International Board regulations anyway," one leading player said. "I don't see why further, possibly restrictive, documents should be signed. But there is a more fundamental objection. We don't see why, in an amateur game, we should have to sign what amounts to a contract.

"In effect, the union agrees to do what it always has done and commercial activities are restricted during the match period because we train to win matches and anything else we do we make sure does not conflict with that aim."

England players point out that it is all very well trying to treat every national squad the same. But, in the championship, the French remain outside the agreement and the Welsh Rugby Union has already given firm indications of how it will support its players in full.

In a world game, they claim, conditions for players should be laid down by the overall authority. Weighill retorts that the quest for common ground must start somewhere, though he stressed there is no animosity between the administration and the players. "It is a genuine attempt to make sure players are fairly treated," he said. "Comparisons are being made all the time about how conditions differ from country to country, many of them based on misinformation."

☐ Philip Callow, of Oakham and Fitzwilliam, has been elected captain of Cambridge University. His secretary will be Adrian Boyd, (St Olave's and Jesus).

HOCKEY

Oxford denied by defiant Noakes

Oxford University	1
London University	1

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

DESPITE their territorial advantage, Oxford University failed to subdue London University and had to settle for a draw at the North Oxford Sports Ground yesterday.

Oxford are still in contention for the premier division title in the Peroni South League, along with Gore Court, City of Portsmouth and Chichester, but the two points dropped yesterday may prove costly. Oxford's extravagance and a splendid display by Noakes, the London goalkeeper, denied them victory.

London went ahead in the ninth minute, when Goffinet scored on the rebound from McAllister's shot. For long periods London resisted stubbornly, but Oxford squandered two good chances in quick succession when Ralph missed the target from Laird's back pass and Graham shot straight at Noakes from point-blank range.

Oxford drew level in the 59th minute, when Graham put the finishing touch to a clever manoeuvre at a short corner. In the dying minutes, Minson's hurried shot just missed a post and London were reprieved. However they were encouraged by the result, which gave them only their fifth point in ten matches.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *T Wigmore (King's, Macclesfield) and Christ Church), *A Minson (Queensland University and Balliol), *M Meredith (Ratcliffe and Pembroke), P Bell (Campbell College, Belfast and Lincoln), *R Markham (King Edward VI, Southampton and Mansfield), W Graham (Grays School, South Africa and Keble), *S Griffiths (Whitgift, Croydon and University), *G Edwards (Lincoln University, New Zealand and Lincoln, captain), A Laird (Magdalen CS, Oxford and Brasenose), *J Ralph (Aylesbury GS and Brasenose), S Ellison (Rugby and Keble, sub R McDowell, Radley and St Benet's)

LONDON UNIVERSITY: S Noakes (RGS High Wycombe and UCL), M Munro (King Edward VI, Southampton and UCL), T Turner (Westcliff and King's, captain), D Hills (Sanford College and King's), *G Lewis (Rugby and SOAS), D Morris (Southend HS and UCL), *A Thompson (Cheltenham and King's), *S Wyke (Millfield and QMC), B Goffinet (Popton and UCL), *W McAllister (RGS High Wycombe and LSE), M Johnson (The Leys, Cambridge and UCL).

Umpires: R Ware and D Lamb (both Southern Counties).

* a blue or purple

NETBALL

Setbacks for Wales

ENGLAND's seniors, who have been beaten only once by their Welsh counterparts, prevailed again when the countries met in Cardiff last weekend (Louise Taylor writes). England won 42-25 while the under-21 match resulted in another Welsh defeat, by 54-34.

England, who badly needed the boost to morale provided by such a victory after being overwhelmed in a three-match series against New Zealand in November, pleased their coach, Liz Broomhead.

"Wales were very determined and did not lose their way until the third quarter," she said. Broomhead was more than satisfied with the 76 per cent accuracy ratio of her shooters and was also encouraged by the performance of the under-21 team, in which Sarah Olden was outstanding and Joanne Hall, of Greater Manchester, scored ten goals from ten attempts in one quarter.

The seniors will meet on January 31 to prepare for the match against the Republic of Ireland on February 6 but Pam Walker, of Wales, who snapped an Achilles tendon playing against England will miss the home international season.

Modern greenkeepers put image out to grass

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

WILLIAM Stephen Ian Whitelaw, the first Viscount Whitelaw of Penrith, in the county of Cumbria, was doing his bit for the Conservatives in Nairn during the general election campaign last year when a smartly-dressed young man addressed him.

"I know you, Mr Whitelaw," he said.

"Oh yes?"

"Yes, and I'm so grateful for what you've done for greenkeepers." Great stuff, Lord Whitelaw thought, another vote in the bag.

"Yes," the young man continued, "you've done a great job." He then shattered the illusion by adding: "I won't be voting Conservative, though. I'm voting SNP." A lifetime in politics has taught Lord Whitelaw that it is impossible to win them all — the Liberal Democrats took Nairn — but his presidency of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers' Association (Bigga) has received universal approbation.

"He's given us credence," a Scottish member of the association said at the opening of its fifth turf management exhibition at Harrogate yesterday, and that view was reinforced when the Duke of York — a keen golfer but coy about his handicap — provided the royal seal of approval by giving the opening address.

"Greenkeepers weren't neglected exactly but they were generally regarded as people who dug around the greens," Lord Whitelaw said. He has been a golfer for 70 years, having started at Nairn when he was four, played for Cambridge before the war, and captained the Royal and Ancient.

"A few years ago, the R and A realised they must support the greenkeepers and help build up their prestige and standing in the game of golf, and I was happy to do what I could to help."

A glance at the seminar programme at Harrogate indicated that anybody still classing greenkeepers as horny-handed sons of the soil was antediluvian in his attitudes. Professor Robert Carrow, of the University of Georgia, was discoursing on thatch and compaction; a talk on essential skills included tips on making written and verbal presentations to committees; and Colonel John Blashford-Snell, the noted explorer, was talking about leadership, motivation, creative management, team-building and problem-solving.

Today, Jane Ryan, assistant to her husband, Paul, at the Abbeydale club in Yorkshire, will be giving a talk entitled "Hold your head up high". As a woman and a greenkeeper, she has encountered a few attitude problems in her time, not least from her father, a farmer. When she told him she intended marrying a greenkeeper, he said scornfully: "He's nowt to offer. He's no' but a grass-cutter."

Bigga, having been blessed by the royal and the ancient at Harrogate, is giving the lie to that.

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Amazing Feat tops Lincoln betting

By George Rae

AMAZING Feat is the clear 16-1 favourite with the sponsors for the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on March 27 following the announcement of the weights yesterday.

The four-year-old, who has been allotted 8st 9lb, owes his position in the market to an eight-length victory in a Redcar handicap over seven furlongs last October, his fourth win of a successful season.

He represents owner Peter Savill and trainer Mary Reveley, whose string has been in spectacular form this National Hunt season.

The 98 entries, up 17 on last year, are headed by Rambo's Hall, twice the winner of the Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket. He has been set to carry 9st 10lb.

The eight-year-old is among 18 horses quoted at 25-1 co-second favourites, but his trainer, Jeremy Glover, yesterday warned that he is not a certain runner. "The owners asked me to enter him but I would only consider running him if the ground came up soft," he said.

"A mile is probably a bit short for him now and we could try him over a mile and a half this season."

High Low, who carried eight stone to win the race last year for William Haggas, has been given the same weight again this year.

Amenable, the winner in 1991 when trained by David Barron, has 8st 4lb. However, he was claimed out of Barron's stable after running at Southwell last Friday and is now with Roger Spicer.

For the first time, there will be a consolation race, the Spring Mile Handicap, for those entries balloted out of the Lincoln. The Spring Mile, also sponsored by Hills, will carry added money of £20,000 compared to the Lincoln's £50,000.

The Spring Mile will be run on the Friday of the meeting, a day before the Lincoln. The Jockey Club has therefore allowed a 48-hour declaration stage for the Lincoln, so the field for the Spring Mile can be compiled under the usual overnight declarations procedure.

The move is similar to Ladbrokes last year instituting a Silver Cup for horses eliminated from the Ayr Gold Cup.

"There is nothing more frustrating for owners and trainers than to have a horse eliminated from its chosen race," Don Payne, of William Hill, said yesterday. "We believe it is good sense to provide an immediate alternative.

"The Spring Mile will also be the best possible guide to the effect of the draw on the straight mile, which is always a talking for punters and bookmakers.

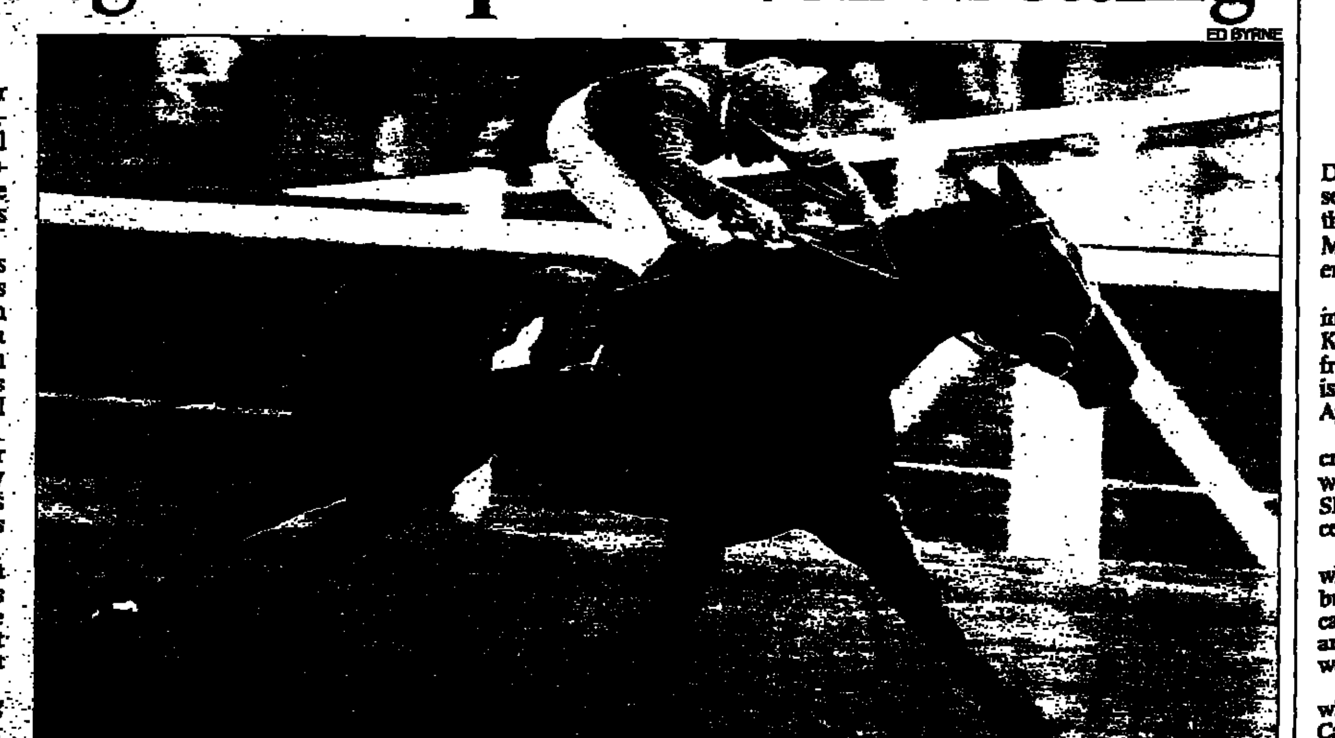
"I don't think the ante-post market on the race will necessarily be affected; I believe the extra information available from the Spring Mile simply adds another dimension for backers."

The Lincoln will have a maximum of 24 runners, so any horse below the top 24 in the handicap at the final declaration stage will have the option of contesting the Spring Mile.

The Tote concurs with Hills in making Amazing Feat the 16-1 favourite. It, too, bets 25-1 bar, bracketing seven horses at that price, including the soft-ground specialist Two Left Feet, the improved Millsolin, who completed a treble last autumn, and another Reveley-trained acceptor, the talented hurdler Majed.

☐ Hills are to sponsor the first evening fixture of the year at Taunton on April 16. From April 1, betting shops will be allowed to remain open until 10pm to accept bets on evening racing.

ED BYRNE



Weight-watcher: dual Cambridgeshire winner Rambo's Hall has been set to carry 9st 10lb in the Lincoln

Rambo's Hall	9-10	Amenable	8-4	Akkazao	7-8
St Ninian	9-6	Talent	8-2	Daswaki	7-8
Two Left Feet	9-6	Fen Dance	8-1	Golden Chip	7-8
Salmon Eile	9-6	Arany	8-0	Ashdren	7-8
Linpac West	9-5	High Low	8-0	Marine Diver	7-6
Gilt Throne	9-4	Big Blue	8-0	Shujen	7-8
Lord Chickney	9-3	Well Appointed	8-0	Sagebrush Roller	7-6
Ninja Dancer	9-2	Loki	8-0	Imperial Bid	7-6
Mizaaya	9-1	Merlins Wish	7-13	Buzzards Bellbuoy	7-6
Top Register	9-1	Cool Luke	7-13	Walking The Plank	7-5
Starlight Flyer	9-1	Masnun	7-13	Laurel Queen	7-5
Battle Colours	8-9	High Premium	7-13	Allinson's Mate	7-5
Amazing Feat	8-9	Port Sunlight	7-13	Salda	7-4
Pay Homage	8-8	Ringland	7-12	Scales Of Justice	7-4
Elharisto	8-8	Wilsonic	7-11	Roseate Lodge	7-3
Beware Of Agents	8-7	Majed	7-11	Let's Get Lost	7-3
Petite-D-Argent	8-6	African Chimes	7-10	Jungle Knife	7-3
Royal Seaton	8-4	Millsolin	7-9	Spencer's Revenge	7-2
Sharp Prince	8-4	Will Of Steel	7-9	Lell The Lucky	7-2

Weld pays tribute to Kinane

DERMOT Weld yesterday seemed resigned to losing the services of stable jockey Michael Kinane to top owner Shaikh Mohammed.

The Irish trainer is keeping his own counsel while Kinane considers his future from Hong Kong, where he is contracted to ride until April.

But it is becoming increasingly likely that Kinane will accept the offer from Shaikh Mohammed to succeed Steve Cauthen.

Weld will not speculate on what Kinane might decide, but paid this tribute. "He came to me eight years ago and has developed into a world-class rider," he said.

Kinane was offered a job with the Shaikh after Cauthen declined to take a wage cut.

Kinane would be joined in Britain by the Australian Mick Dittman, who will ride here for Robert Sangster this season.

Dittman will start on a three-month trial, principally with Sangster's Manton trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam.

The deal with Dittman is being viewed with concern by the Jockeys' Association.

Its secretary, Michael Caulfield, said: "We are always concerned by the continuing influx. It is important that we promote home-grown talent and it is something we have taken up with the Jockey Club."

☐ Party Politics heads 102 entries announced yesterday for the 1993 Martell Grand National. The weights will be released on February 2.

In-form Valfinet can point Pipe to rich dividends

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

MARTIN Pipe can plunder the two most valuable races at his local track, Taunton, today with **Valfinet** (2.30) and **Riverside Boy** (3.00).

While a bruised foot prevented Valfinet from running at Ascot last Saturday, he is reported to be in fine shape again now for the Unity Farm Holiday Centre Hurdle.

This being a handicap with a weight range limited to 21lb, only Valfinet and Shu Fly will be competing from off their present rating.

Valfinet enters the fray unbeaten this season having scored at Cheltenham, Sandown and Haydock.

While he was certainly made to struggle at Sandown in December by Kilcash, who subsequently looked a shade unlucky not to win the Ladbroke Hurdle in Ireland, Valfinet could not have been more impressive at Cheltenham and Haydock.

Along with Tiger Claw, the sponsor's runner, Olveston and Shu Fly contested this race 12 months ago, finishing fifth, seventh and tenth respectively.

Since Shu Fly's latest race was over fences at Kempton in October, he could find Valfinet's aggressive front-running style of racing more than he can cope with around today's sharp course.

The Eldridge Pope Handicap Chase for the Cecil Hunt Memorial Trophy, run over an extented four-and-a-quarter miles, is now the second longest race of the season.

No horse is guaranteed to get the trip better than last year's Grand National sixth Just So, the winner of today's race two years ago and second last season when he was beaten only three-quarters of a length by The Forties.

Last time out though Just So finished 30 lengths behind **Riverside Boy** when my selection was runner-up to his stable companion, Run For Free, in the Welsh National at Chepstow.

While the weights have been adjusted in Just So's favour to the tune of 13lb, I still feel that the form advantage lies with Riverside Boy.

After his creditable fifth behind Forest Sun at Sandown recently, **Thatcher Rock**, trained by Paul Nicholls, should capture the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

At Ayr, there is likely to be some lively betting before the Electric Brae Novices' Hurdle involving Brackenfield and High Alltitude.

While Brackenfield has not been beaten this season, High Alltitude has at least matched him by winning his last three races.

Brackenfield's trainer, Mary Reveley, clearly has a good line to High Alltitude through My Desire. However, I feel High Alltitude has beaten better horses this season, and he is preferred.

Bertie Boy (2.20) should be a winner for Mrs Reveley on the Scottish track though. He is my nap to land the Maybole Handicap Chase as he is unpenalised for that Wetherby success a week ago in a race for conditional jockeys.

MANDARIN
1.30 Eau D'Espoir.
2.00 Thatcher Rock.
2.30 Valfinet.
3.00 Riverside Boy.
3.30 Benjamin.
4.00 State Of Affairs.
4.30 South Sands.

THUNDERER
1.30 Land Of The Free.
2.00 The Slater.
2.30 Valfinet.
3.00 Boraceva.
3.30 Real Progress.
4.00 Sea Cadet.
4.30 South Sands.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 The Slater. 3.00 Bonsai Bud. 4.30 **MULBANK** (nap).

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) SIS

1.30 PICKERIDGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,626: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 22 LAND OF THE FREE 16 (R Johns) M Pipe 11-2 .... P Scudamore 89
2 500 FERMAIN 8 (G Searle) A Barrow 10-13 .... S Burrough 81
3 286 GRAND FELLOW 14 (S Hamstock) A Forte 10-11 .... A Maguire 89
4 SURE SHOT NORMAN 84F (T Mollison) G Jones 10-11 .... B Clifford (5) —
5 303213 EAU D'ESPOIR 58 (G) (Group 1 Racing 1991 Ltd) J Spearing 10-8 .... R Dunwoody 91
6 PP ROGER RABBIT 14 (B) (J Joseph) R Frost 10-9 .... J Frost —
7 PP BASHAMAH 15 (B) (I Jones) I Jones 10-6 .... P McDermott —
8 3 RIVER ORCHID 56 (J Barber) P Nicholls 10-6 .... M A Fitzgerald 89
9 P0 BLUE DUN 20 (S Barfield) Mrs J Wonnacott 10-6 .... R Edwards (7) —

BETTING: 4-6 Land Of The Free, 3-1 Eau D'Espoir, 6-1 River Orchid, 12-1 Grand Fellow, 20-1 others.

1992: PRINCESS MOODYSHOE 11-2 P Scudamore (8-15 fav) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAND OF THE FREE 15l 2nd of 15 to Hebridean in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) novice hurdle. Previously 5l 2nd of 10 to Clurican in Hereford (2m 1f, heavy) novice hurdle with FERMAIN (8lb better off) 26l 5th and ROGER RABBIT and BASHAMAH both tailed off when pulled up.
GRAND FELLOW 2½l 2nd of 15 to Boogie Bopper in Nottingham (2m, soft) conditional jockeys' selling hurdle last month. EAU D'ESPOIR 33l 3rd of 9 to Kiveton Tycoon in Nottingham (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle. Previously beat Dara Melody 6l in 16-runner seller over the same course and distance (good). RIVER ORCHID 6l 3rd of 13 to Rich Pickings in selling hurdle here (2m 1f, good to soft) with BLUE DUN tailed off when pulled up.
Selection: LAND OF THE FREE

2.00 BICKENHALL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,931: 2m 3f) (14 runners)

1 304-214 THE SLATER 24 (F,G,S) (Kavanagh Roofing Ltd) W G M Turner 8-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 98
2 323-P22 FRENCH CHARMER 12 (H Pelham) J Gifford 8-11-9 .... D Murphy 98
3 40F8-16 L'UOMO PIU 117 (BF,F,G) (C Spencer) A Barrow 9-11-9 .... A Maguire 80
4 2-25102 FAIR BROTHER 26 (S) (Mrs S Watts) D Murray Smith 7-11-8 .... J White 85
5 3/1P6-3P TIPP MARINER 45 (S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 8-11-5 .... G Upton 80
6 1/F0F6-5 THATCHER ROCK 12 (F) (M Disney) P Nicholls 8-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald 89
7 3FR3/44 THE MASTER GUNNER 20 (G,S) (R Burgess) K Bailey 9-11-4 .... A Tory 91
8 0112-00 SANDHURST PARK 16 (G,S) (Mrs S Rossel) P Murphy 8-11-8 .... E Byrne —
9 0/5U6-F1 DUBACILLA 7 (S) (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-10-13 (7ex) .... S Burrough 85
10 06/0-41B STAR OF ITALY 20 (S) (S Kimber) A Turnell 6-10-12 .... S McNeill 85
11 /P24/ SEMAPHORE HILL 642 (F) (R Wright) P Hobbs 9-10-8 .... B Clifford (5) —
12 /P40F LADY BLIZZARD 7 (A Mason) A Mason 11-10-6 .... Lorna Vincent 75
13 0/00P-P HAMPER 3 (G,S) (N Hoare) M Mitchell 10-10-6 .... M Hourigan (3) —
14 4/605 LATE CUT 26 (B) (C Baird) M Pipe 8-10-6 .... D Richmond (5) —

BETTING: 7-2 The Slater, 4-1 French Charmer, 9-2 Dubacilla, 5-1 Thatcher Rock, 6-1 Fair Brother, 8-1 The Master Gunner, 10-1 Tipp Mariner, 12-1 Star Of Italy, 16-1 others.

1992: BROUGHTON MANOR 7-11-5 M A FitzGerald (5-4 fav) Mrs J Retter 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE SLATER 8l 4th of 8 to Wonder Man in Kempton (2m, good to soft) novice chase. Previously beat FRENCH CHARMER (11lb better off) ¾l in 7-runner Warwick (2m, soft) novice chase. FRENCH CHARMER 1l 2nd of 16 to Rathvinden House in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) novice chase with LADY BLIZZARD poor 9th. FAIR BROTHER short head 2nd of 6 to Zamil in Newton Abbot (2m 5f, heavy) novice chase. THATCHER ROCK 8½l 5th of 11 to Forest Sun in Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) novice chase. THE MASTER GUNNER 7l 4th of 19 to Avonburn in Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft) handicap chase. DUBACILLA beat Duo Drom neck in 8-runner Wincanton (2m, soft) novice handicap chase with LADY BLIZZARD 5th when fell 3 out. STAR OF ITALY beat Bill Quill 1½l in 10-runner Hereford (2m, heavy) novice handicap chase on penultimate start.
Selection: FRENCH CHARMER

2.30 UNITY FARM HOLIDAY CENTRE HURDLE
(Limited handicap: £5,420: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 461-111 VALFINET 12 (D,G,S) (F Ferrant) M Pipe 6-12-0 .... P Scudamore 97
2 40U5-22 SHU FLY 84 (F,S) (Serum Fleet Partnership) C Broad 9-11-9 .... G Bradley 99
3 20-R60 SONG OF SIXPENCE 40 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-10-7 .... J Frost 98
4 0/115-00 TIGER CLAW 8F (G,F,G) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 7-10-7 .... R Dunwoody 88
5 F000P-1 OLVESTON 14 (F,G,S) (C Lewis) P Nicholls 9-10-7 .... R Greene (3) 91
6 1/124/0 PRINCE JUAN 12 (S) (Mrs A Smith) M Bradstock 6-10-7 .... M P Fitzgerald (7) —
7 115-2F0 SAFFAAH 19 (G) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 6-10-7 .... S McNeill 94
8 /01242/ ROWLANDSONS GEMS 626 (F) (N Rhone) P Leach 8-10-7 .... S Hodgson —

Long handicap: Song Of Sixpence 10-3, Tiger Claw 10-3, Olveston 10-0, Prince Juan 9-12, Saffaah 9-10, Rowlandsons Gems 9-7.

BETTING: 4-5 Valfinet, 3-1 Shu Fly, 11-2 Olveston, 8-1 Tiger Claw, 14-1 Saffaah, 16-1 Song Of Sixpence, 33-1 Prince Juan, Rowlandsons Gem.

1992: VIKING FLAGSHIP 5-10-12 R Dunwoody (7-1) D Nicholson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

VALFINET beat Bollin William 5l in 7-runner Haydock (2m, soft) handicap hurdle. SHU FLY 3½l 2nd of 4 to Simone's Son in Bangor (2m 1f, good) handicap hurdle on reappearance.
TIGER CLAW 17l 5th of 11 to Viking Flagship in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm) in January with OLVESTON (23lb better off) 19l 7th and SHU FLY (11lb better off) 6l 10th.
SONG OF SIXPENCE 22½l 6th of 10 to Easy Buck in Ascot (2m 110yd good to soft) handicap hurdle on penultimate start.
OLVESTON beat Quedlin Dunwood ¾l in 8-runner Worcester (2m, heavy) handicap hurdle. SAFFAAH 2l 2nd of 8 to Nikitas in Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle in November.
Selection: VALFINET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Mellor	4	9	44.4	P Scudamore	32	83	38.6
Mrs J Pitman	4	13	30.8	M Hourigan	3	8	37.5
M Pipe	48	168	28.6	M Perrett	7	25	28.0
D Murray Smith	3	15	20.0	M Pitman	3	11	27.3
Mrs J Retter	8	48	16.7	M Foster	5	22	22.7
P Hobbs	10	75	13.3	J Lower	6	38	15.8

3.00 ELDRIDGE POPE HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,576: 4m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 2/218-U2 RIVERSIDE BOY 24 (B,S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 10-11-10 .... P Scudamore 99
2 246-440 JUST SO 24 (B,CD,S) (H Cole) H Cole 10-10-13 .... S Burrough 95
3 P-22U00 BORACEVA 19 (F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 10-10-9 .... J Frost 98
4 2P-1126 BONSAI BUD 18 (G,S) (P De Wilde) D Murray Smith 10-10-6 .... D Gallagher 91
5 102425 FARM WEEK 9 (F,G,S) (Lord Chetwode) G Balding 11-10-0 .... A Maguire 92
6 2U1251 CYTHERE 13 (S) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-10-0 .... P Hide (7) 87
7 212-P23 BRIEF ENCOUNTER 13 (G,S) (C Lewis) P Nicholls 9-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 82
8 1F123P CELTIC PRINCE 43 (G,S) (Mrs G Maxwell-Jones) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0 .... D Bridgwater 67
9 340P0-5 DOUBLE TRICKS 24 (G) (R Williams) D Burchell 10-10-0 .... D J Burchell 65
10 P65-61P MR DYNAMIC 16 (S) (D Deacon) D Deacon 11-10-0 .... M Hourigan (3) 68

Long handicap: Farm Week 9-11, Cythere 9-6, Brief Encounter 9-0, Celtic Prince 8-13, Double Tricks 8-2, Mr Dynamic 7-11.

BETTING: 7-4 Riverside Boy, 3-1 Bonsai Bud, 4-1 Boraceva, 6-1 Just So, 10-1 Farm Week, 12-1 Cythere, 20-1 Brief Encounter, 25-1 Celtic Prince, 50-1 others.

1992: THE FORTIES 7-9-7 M Hourigan (20-1) T Bill 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIVERSIDE BOY 8l 2nd of 11 to Run For Free in grade III Coral Welsh National at Chepstow (3m 5f 110yd, soft) with JUST SO (13lb better off) tailed off 7th. BORACEVA 1l 2nd of 6 to Esha Ness in Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good) handicap chase in November with JUST SO (4lb worse off) 22l 4th. BONSAI BUD 2l 2nd of 10 to Buddington in Folkestone (3m 2l, good to soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. FARM WEEK 1l 2nd of 11 to Direct in Chepstow (3m 2f 110yd, heavy) handicap chase on penultimate start with JUST SO (4lb better off) 13l 4th. CYTHERE beat Ashinfamey 30l in 9-runner Towcester (3m 1f, heavy) novice chase.
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY (nap)

3.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,379: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 0/00F-15 ASK THE GOVERNOR 12 (S) (Highflyers) G Balding 7-11-5 .... A Maguire 90
2 451 REAL PROGRESS 68 (S) (A Stennett) P Hobbs 5-11-5 .... Peter Hobbs 90
3 8-4P ALDINGTON MILLPOND 70 (Exors of Mr C Wheatley) C Trietline 5-11-0 .... D Bridgwater 74
4 2 BENJAMIN 35 (A Scott) N Gaselee 5-11-0 .... M Hazell 99
5 P BOUGHT THE ACES 55 (G Ham) G Ham 5-11-0 .... M A Fitzgerald —
6 23-2 GOLDINGO 33 (E Price) G Price 6-11-0 .... R Davis (5) —
7 NEW YORK BOY (D Plunkett) R Frost 5-11-0 .... J Frost —
8 0 RAMSTAR 17 (J Home Computers) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 .... M Pitman —
9 ROVULENKA (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 5-11-0 .... P Scudamore —
10 05P SMOKEBRIDGE GRAS 13 (Miss J Hodgkinson) W G M Turner 6-11-0 .... G Upton —
11 30- TUDOR FABLE 280 (J Collins) N Henderson 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody —
12 P- WATER CARRIER 325 (J Warren) W G Turner 6-11-0 .... S Burrough —
13 1456U CLEEVELAND LADY 7 (G) (Mrs P Reich) W G M Turner 6-10-9 .... R Darke (7) —
14 0 FULL ALIRT 57 (B Young) B Young 5-10-9 .... Mr I Hambly —

BETTING: 9-4 Rovulenka, 3-1 Ask The Governor, 4-1 Real Progress, 11-2 Benjamin, 6-1 Tudor Fable, 12-1 Ramstar, 16-1 Goldingo, 20-1 others.

1992: KNIGHT IN SIDE 6-11-0 M A FitzGerald (12-1) R Callow 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASK THE GOVERNOR 19½l 5th of 16 to Sausalito Boy in Sandown (2m 6f, soft) novice handicap hurdle.
REAL PROGRESS beat Pandy 1½l in 16-runner Windsor (2m, soft) novice hurdle. BENJAMIN 1½l 2nd of 10 to Royal Flamingo in Towcester (2m, soft) novice hurdle. GOLDINGO 1½l 2nd of 10 to Simple Arithmetic in Uttoxeter (2m, heavy) National Hunt Flat race. TUDOR FABLE 9l 3rd of 19 to Riva in Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm) National Hunt Flat race in March.
Selection: ASK THE GOVERNOR

4.00 YARCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 21114 ELITE REG 24 (B,BF,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 4-12-0 .... P Scudamore 98
2 0/2-33F4 LACKENDARA 16 (Opening Bid Partnership) Miss H Knight 6-11-10 .... NON-RUNNER —
3 PP/2 EXACT ANALYSIS 16 (Mrs E Townley-Berry) N Mitchell 7-11-8 .... Mr N R Mitchell (7) —
4 82-0122 CARDINAL BIRD 48 (B,S) (J Fenn) S Mellor 6-11-5 .... M Perrett 91
5 042 STATE OF AFFAIRS 15 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-11-2 .... R Beggan 82
6 064/3/ RISK FACTOR 670 (M Julien) R Lee 7-10-8 .... D Murphy —
7 258-334 THE MINDER 18 (S Edwards) S Edwards 5-10-8 .... D Salter (7) 93
8 0PP-6P2 JELLY MORTON 16 (D Pengelly) M Williams 8-10-7 .... M Foster 94
9 PP/PP30 BUTTON BOX 26 (B) (J Dodd) A Barrow 7-10-4 .... S Burrough 91
10 150340 SANDRO 16 (B,D,S) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-10-4 .... W McFarland 93
11 0P04-56 LUCKY BLUE 26 (P Buckley) R Hodges 6-10-4 .... D Tegg 93
12 6-466 KYTTON CASTLE 75 (Jolal Partnership) R Dickin 6-10-3 .... D Meredith (5) 84
13 0PP33-0 SEA CADET 20 (Business Forms Express) K Bishop 5-10-1 .... R Greene (3) 99
14 0UPP3/3 AISHOLT 38 (K Bishop) K Bishop 8-10-0 .... D Hobbs (7) 82

Long handicap: Aisholt 9-11.

BETTING: 7-4 Elite Reg, 7-2 State Of Affairs, 9-2 Cardinal Bird, 8-1 Sea Cadet, 10-1 Lucky Blue, Jelly Morton, 12-1 Exact Analysis, 16-1 others.

1992: BUD'S BET 4-9-6 J Pollin (12-1) J McConnochie 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELITE REG beat Shaffic 3l in 14-runner Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) novice handicap hurdle on penultimate start.
EXACT ANALYSIS distance 2nd of 16 to Monsieur Le Cure in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft) novice hurdle with LACKENDARA (2lb worse off) 1½l 4th. CARDINAL BIRD 15l 2nd of 8 to Jolester in Nottingham (2m, soft) novice handicap hurdle. STATE OF AFFAIRS 16½l 4th of 14 to Viaggio in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) novice hurdle. THE MINDER 27½l 4th of 15 to Hebridean in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) novice hurdle.
SEA CADET 8l 3rd of 14 to Grand Frere in Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good) novice hurdle in May. AISHOLT 6½l 3rd of 17 to Come Home Alone in Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) novice handicap hurdle.
Selection: CARDINAL BIRD

4.30 LEVY BOARD JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,547: 2m 3f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 511113 THE BLACK MONK 20 (V,BF,F,G,S) (Pipe Scudamore) M Pipe 5-11-11 .... P Scudamore 89
2 112-0 EVER SMILE 16 (D,F) (D L'Estrange) M Pipe 6-11-5 .... J Lower 93
3 6-043PP MAGNUS PYM 7F (G,S) (R Standbridge) G Balding 8-11-5 .... A Maguire 91
4 60F-136 KNIGHTS 13 (B) (P Garnsey) C Broad 7-11-4 .... Jacqui Oliver 88
5 1110/00 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 14 (B,S) (Mrs C Massey) J McConnochie 6-11-2 .... S McNeill 85
6 112505- MOTTRAM'S GOLD 254 (CD,G,S) (S Brown) Mrs J Retter 8-10-12 .... M A Fitzgerald 83
7 P-R2U54 SAILOR BLUE 24 (B,F) (L Kimber) A Turnell 6-10-11 .... D Fort (7) 85
8 2130-0P LUKE'S BRAVE BOY 12 (S) (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 5-10-8 .... D Gallagher 91
9 4133-6 MULBANK 16 (C,F) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 7-10-7 .... Peter Hobbs 88
10 34213-5 ZEALOUS KITTEN 37 (S) (M Oseman) R Price 5-10-6 .... D Tegg 88
11 114/3-F0 BROUSEMAN 20 (B) (Aquarius) Miss H Knight 7-10-6 .... R Dunwoody 81
12 050326- DOMINION TREASURE 254 (C,G,S) (Mrs G Hubbard) R Baker 8-10-4 .... W McFarland 83
13 F4P-5U1 CHARMED I'M SURE 36 (B,F,S) (Mrs D Dawag) P Murphy 6-10-4 .... D Murphy 83
14 /0/32P-0 WESTERN DANCER 20 (L Spencer) C Horgan 12-10-4 .... R Beggan 86
15 34-U022 SOUTH SANDS 20 (F,G) (Miss A Yeo) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-1 .... R Edwards (7) 89
16 560016 THE HIDDEN CITY 38 (B) (Mrs D Potter) C Trietline 7-10-2 .... D Bridgwater 89

BETTING: 9-2 The Black Monk, 5-1 South Sands, 6-1 Knights, 8-1 Mulbank, 10-1 Ever Smile, 12-1 Mottram's Gold, Luke's Brave Boy, 14-1 Sailor Blue, Zealous Kitten, 16-1 The Hidden City, Charmed I'm Sure, 20-1 Champagne Gold, Dominion Treasure, 25-1 Magnus Pym, Western Dancer, Grosseman.

1992: CARBONATE 7-10-11 J Neaves (100-30 fav) R Buckler 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE BLACK MONK beat Greneagh head in 13-runner Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, soft) conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle with SAILOR BLUE (6lb better off) 14l 4th.
KNIGHTS 4¼l 3rd of 13 to Sillars Stalker in Doncaster (2m 4f, good to soft) handicap hurdle with LUKE'S BRAVE BOY (6lb better off) 10¾l 8th. MULBANK 21½l 6th of 17 to Ponchlong in Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) handicap hurdle with EVER SMILE pulled up before 2 out. ZEALOUS KITTEN 50l 5th of 6 to Tbuhoof in Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle. DOMINION TREASURE 14½l 6th of 8 to Holy Joe in Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, firm) handicap hurdle. CHARMED I'M SURE beat Whippers Delight 8l in 10-runner Exeter (2m 2l, soft) selling hurdle. SOUTH SANDS neck 2nd of 15 to High Baron in 16-runner Exeter (2m 2l, soft) handicap hurdle with THE BLACK MONK (1lb worse off) 10l 3rd. THE HIDDEN CITY beat Alocaill 1½l in 15-runner Ludlow (2m, good) selling hurdle.
Selection: SOUTH SANDS

MANDARIN
1.20 High Alltitude. 1.50 Night Guest. 2.20 **BERTIE BOY** (nap). 2.50 Only A Rose. 3.20 Montpellier Lad. 3.50 Dizzy.

THUNDERER
1.20 High Alltitude. 1.50 Starmine. 2.20 Bertie Boy. 2.50 Only A Rose. 3.20 Montpellier Lad. 3.50 Dizzy.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 **BERTIE BOY**.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.20 ELECTRIC BRAE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,039: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 -111 BRACKENFIELD 44 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 .... R Hodge
2 0111 HIGH ALLTITUDE 54 (D,G,S) G Moore 5-12-0 .... N Bentley (5)
3 P ANOTHER MEADOW 65 J Dixon 5-11-4 .... N Leach (7)
4 4004 SEE DEE BOY 19 Miss L Perratt 5-11-4 .... L O'Hara
5 4-40 DO A RUNNER 19 J Love 6-11-4 .... Mr S Love
6 DORLIN CASTLE L Lungo 5-11-4 .... C Grant
7 -0F0 KWACHA 44 W Williams 7-11-4 .... D Bentley (5)
8 MANOR COURT R Lamb 5-11-4 .... A Merrigan
9 5400 SAINTLY PATH 7 (S) W Reed 10-11-4 .... T Reed
10 444- BLUEBELL TRACK 252 (B) V Thompson 7-10-13 .... S Lyons (5)
11 0-0 FINE OAK 19 D Robertson 8-10-13 .... Mr D Robertson

4-5 High Alltitude, 5-4 Brackenfield, 14-1 See Dee Boy, 20-1 others.

1.50 DUNURE CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,640: 3m 1f) (10)

1 5PF5 MOSS BEE 6 W Reed 8-11-6 .... T Reed
2 -03P FOLK DANCE 50 (V,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-2 .... N Doughty
3 -P01 STARMINE 9 (S) J Parkes 7-11-2 .... R Garritty
4 6P34 ROYAL INVADER 6 (S) M Dods 9-11-0 .... C Grant
5 2883 ISLAND GALE 6 D McCabe 8-10-12 .... P Waggott (7)
6 -P5P ADEN APOLLO 19 (C,G,S) T Craig 12-10-10 .... L O'Hara
7 1/6 DARK EMPEROR 6 (F,S) Mrs E Slack 12-10-10 .... K Johnson
8 5121 NIGHT GUEST 35 (F,G,S) P Monteith 11-10-10 .... M Moloney
9 056P KINNESTON 19 N Alexander 9-10-8 .... S Turner
10 23P- JUST PRETEND 253 V Thompson 9-10-7 .... S Lyons (5)

9-4 Night Guest, 5-2 Starmine, 9-2 Royal Invader, 6-1 Island Gale, 8-1 Folk Dance, 12-1 Just Pretend, 14-1 Kinneston, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 19 winners from 51 runners, 37.3%; C Thornton, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Richards, 47 from 225, 20.9%; G Moore, 22 from 116, 19.0%; J J O'Neill, 12 from 69, 17.4%.
JOCKEYS: D Wilkinson, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; N Bentley, 3 from 11, 27.3%; N Doughty, 28 from 116, 24.1%; M Dwyer, 13 from 69, 18.8%; L Wyer, 15 from 86, 17.4%; A Dobbin, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

2.20 MAYBOLE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,867: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 14-1 BERTIE BOY 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 .... L Wyer
2 00PF SHILGROVE PLACE 45 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 11-11-8 .... J Burke (7)
3 6F13 TRAPRAIN LAW 19 (C,G,S) W Reed 10-11-5 .... T Reed
4 1U13 JAMES MY BOY 9 (D,BF,G,S) M Hammond 13-11-3 .... C Grant
5 -345 ON THE HOOCH 3 (C,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-1 .... Mr J Bradburne
6 00FP FUNNY OLD GAME 50 (S) D McCune 8-10-11 .... B Storey

8-11 Bertie Boy, 9-2 Traprain Law, 11-2 James My Boy, 10-1 On The Hooch, 20-1 Shilgrove Place, 25-1 Funny Old Game.

2.50 STRAITON CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,819: 2m) (5)

1 1124 ONLY A ROSE 45 (BF,G,S) C Thornton 11-5 .... D Wilkinson
2 440 CYRILL HENRY 8F M Dods 10-9 .... P Waggott (7)
3 00 WINSOME GRAIN 13 Miss L Perratt 10-9 .... C Grant
4 4043 PASS THE KEY 83 N Tinkler 10-8 .... M Dwyer
5 565 MILIYEL 45 P Monteith 10-3 .... A Dobbin (3)

4-7 Only A Rose, 7-2 Pass The Key, 6-1 Miliyel, 10-1 Cyrill Henry, 14-1 Winsome Grain.

3.20 SYMINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,411: 2m) (5)

1 6501 MONTPELIER LAD 19 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 6-12-0 .... N Doughty
2 FF30 DANTE'S INFERNO 3 (S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-10 .... P Williams (7)
3 -602 CLASSIC MINSTREL 13 Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-10 .... B Storey
4 5-22 CAPTAIN CUTE 57 D Garraton 8-10-4 .... D Byrne
5 00P0 ANTONIN 72 Mrs S Bramall 5-10-4 .... J Burke (7)

4-6 Montpelier Lad, 4-1 Dante's Inferno, 6-1 Captain Cute, 8-1 Classic Minstrel, 25-1 Antonin.

3.50 GIRVAN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,113: 2m 4f) (7)

1 5621 DIZZY 13 (C,G,S) P Monteith 5-11-10 .... A Dobbin (3)
2 F0-4 AMBLESIDE HARVEST 115 (D,BF,S) J J O'Neill 6-10-9 .... M Dwyer
3 2223 WILLIE SPARKLE 35 (BF,F) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-7 .... P Williams (7)
4 1-32 THE GREEN FOOL 40 (S) V Thompson 6-10-5 .... S Lyons (5)
5 -624 SHAFFIC 7 M Hammond 6-10-5 .... J Callaghan
6 PF36 INVERTIEL 19 (C,F) P Monteith 9-10-0 .... B Storey
7 4-00 EQUATOR 19 (S) J Haldane 10-10-0 .... N Leach (7)

9-4 Dizzy, 3-1 Willie Sparkle, 4-1 The Green Fool, 5-1 Ambleside Harvest, 7-1 Shaffic, 10-1 Invertiel, 25-1 Equator.

☐ Alfie Bruce, chairman of the National Association of Bookmakers for nearly 22 years, has resigned due to ill health.

MANDARIN
1.10 Dante's Delight. 1.40 Gallant Effort. 2.10 Northern Village. 2.40 Shimmering Scarlet. 3.10 Alton Bay. 3.40 Absent Relative. 4.10 Mamalama.

THUNDERER
1.10 General Dixie. 1.40 **GALLANT EFFORT** (nap). 2.10 Sand-Dollar. 2.40 Shimmering Scarlet. 3.10 Alreef. 3.40 Faynaz. 4.10 Lyn's Return.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.10 PENNYWISE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,733: 2m) (12 runners)

1 -002 HEDGEHOPPER 16 C Weedon 5-11-7 .... NON-RUNNER
2 -P50 MUNDAY DEAN 15 R O'Sullivan 5-11-7 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
3 0P RISING TEMPO 15 (V) B Baugh 5-11-7 .... N Mann
4 P TREASURE COURT 86 P Burgoyne 5-11-7 .... I Lawrence
5 0 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 9 Mrs L Jewell 5-11-7 .... I Shoemark
6 6-0 DANTE'S DELIGHT 80 (BF) O Sherwood 5-11-2 .... J Osborne
7 F0P NEARLY HONEST 16 R Hodges 5-11-2 .... W Irvine
8 -PU0 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 15 C Jones 5-11-2 .... M Bosley
9 545 COURT ROOM 58 A Moore 4-10-8 .... G Moore
10 000 GENERAL DIXIE 12 R Hannon 4-10-9 .... C Llewellyn
11 0P HINTON HARRY 21F S Mellor 4-10-8 .... S Earle
12 5 PRE PAINT 42 J Akehurst 4-10-9 .... L Harvey

9-4 Dante's Delight, 3-1 General Dixie, 9-2 Pre Paint, 5-1 Munday Dean, 7-1 Court Room, 12-1 Seminole Princess, 14-1 Hinton Harry, 16-1 others.

1.40 MORE HASTE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,792: 2m 6f) (16)

1 1022 GALLANT EFFORT 16 (C,S) S Dow 5-11-13 .... A Dicken (5)
2 5531 CARFAX 9 (C,D,G,S) R Hoad 8-11-10 .... M Hoad
3 1P/ DECIDEDLY DUTCH 680 Miss G Kelleway 6-11-6 .... NON-RUNNER
4 P83F ELWADI 8 R Hoad 6-11-6 .... G Moore
5 1-00 PANATHINAIKOS 9 (G) G Ham 8-11-6 .... B Powell
6 020U ALBURY GREY 16 (F) P McEntee 6-11-5 .... S Keightley
7 P-26 GLENGOOLE 80 (F) B Smart 10-11-4 .... C Llewellyn
8 600P HIMLAJ 12 (G) S Mellor 8-11-4 .... S Earle
9 0P-0 MILLIE BELLE 9 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-11-3 .... J Halls (7)
10 /P0 MILTON BRYAN 9 (C,F) R Voorspuy 8-11-2 .... I Shoemark
11 0-0 WHERES YU TOO 16 P Rodford 6-11-2 .... T Thompson (7)
12 5P06 CADFORD BALARINA 8 (V) Mrs P Joynes 6-11-1 .... Mr S Joynes (7)
13 0063 POLLY'S LASS 9 J Bosley 9-11-1 .... M Bosley
14 5660 STAPLEFORD LADY 20 R Manning 5-11-0 .... R Farrant (5)
15 P50 RABBIT'S FOOT 15 R O'Sullivan 5-10-13 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
16 -004 LADY POLY 16 (C) R Stone 5-10-11 .... Dale McKeown

9-4 Gallant Effort, 5-2 Carfax, 4-1 Panathinaikos, 8-1 Himlaj, 10-1 Rabbit's Foot, 12-1 Millie Belle, 14-1 Glengoole, 16-1 others.

2.10 FRIEND IN NEED HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,810: 2m 4f) (7)

1 -145 SAND-DOLLAR 66 (F,G) J Old 10-12-0 .... T Grantham
2 5430 FIGHT TO WIN 12 (V,D,F,G) I Balding 5-11-10 .... B Powell
3 -342 NORTHERN VILLAGE 9 (CD,G) S Dow 6-11-5 .... A Dicken (5)
4 14-0 SMARTIE LEE 20 (CD,G) P Cole 6-11-1 .... C Llewellyn
5 2FF3 KINO 15 (B,G,S) S Sherwood 6-10-6 .... J Osborne
6 U1-P TANFIRION BAY 20 (F) P Hedger 5-10-4 .... I Lawrence
7 -45P WESSEX WARRIOR 80 (F) D Laing 7-10-2 .... B de Haan

3-1 Northern Village, 7-2 Sand-Dollar, 4-1 Kino, 5-1 Smartie Lee, 6-1 Fight To Win, 10-1 Tanfirion Bay.

2.40 LITTLE ACORNS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,748: 2m 4f) (8)

1 -042 CROWN BALADEE 9 M Usher 6-11-10 .... H Davies
2 5051 SHIMMERING SCARLET 9 (CD) R Buckler 5-11-10 (7ex) .... B Powell
3 130F WAR BEAT 15 (F) B Baugh 5-11-9 .... Gary Lyons
4 P-UP WEST MONKTON 90 T Forster 7-11-8 .... C Llewellyn
5 F5P0 PAT CULLEN 20 (S) Mrs P Joynes 8-11-7 .... Mr S Joynes (7)
6 5801 ALDAHE 16 (CD) B Forsey 6-10-9 .... I Shoemark
7 P220 CHURCH STAR 31 (B) J Bridger 9-10-9 .... Rachel Bridger (7)
8 -FPP SPARTAN DREAM 19 M Usher 6-10-7 .... N Mann

2-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 3-1 Aldahe, 9-2 Crown Baladee, 6-1 War Beat, 7-1 West Monkton, 10-1 Church Star, 16-1 others.

3.10 NEW BROOM AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,731: 2m 2f) (8)

1 -664 ALREEF 16 (CD,S) T Thomson Jones 7-12-0 .... A Thornton (5)
2 84-P LEGAL LEGACY 8 Mrs F White 5-12-0 .... Miss S White (7)
3 522F ALTON BAY 38 (F,G) Mrs D Haine 5-10-3 .... G Haine (7)
4 335- STRAIGHT LACED 241 (C) P Clarke 5-10-0 .... P Clarke (7)
5 2653 KALAMOSS 79 N Mitchell 4-10-0 .... Miss S Mitchell (7)
6 2000 LEGAL WIN 13F (B,F) M Usher 5-10-0 .... G Shenkin (7)
7 4-0P OBOLOV 72 F Colon 6-10-0 .... Mrs G Adkin (7)
8 0UPP DIDDLEY 33 (B) Mrs M Long 5-10-0 .... M Hill (7)

8-4 Alton Bay, 7-4 Alreef, 7-1 Straight Laced, 10-1 Legal Win, 14-1 others.

3.40 CAVEAT EMPTOR HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,733: 2m) (7)

1 2314 ABSENT RELATIVE 75 (CD,G) Miss B Sanders 5-11-10 .... S Smith Eccles
2 6-01 FAYNAZ 16 (CD) W Muir 7-11-3 .... J Caddell (7)
3 UF52 VICTORY ANTHEM 16 (D,G) P Clarke 7-10-9 .... I Lawrence
4 12 QUALITAIR MEMORY 34 (D,S) J Akehurst 4-10-2 .... J McCarthy (7)
5 -002 MISTER LAWSON 9 (CD) B Forsey 7-10-0 .... I Shoemark
6 004/ AVERON 1099F (CD,G,S) C Wildman 13-10-0 .... P Holley
7 0030 ZULU 16 (D,F) G Ham 8-10-0 .... B Powell

3-1 Absent Relative, 7-2 Faynaz, 4-1 Victory Anthem, 5-1 Qualitair Memory, 6-1 Mister Lawson, 10-1 Zulu, 20-1 Averon.

4.10 PENNYWISE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,719: 2m) (12)

1 -P0P COUNTY CONTRACTOR 63 C Popham 5-11-7 .... B Powell
2 0P LOCHEARNHEAD 58 B Byford 5-11-7 .... S Keightley
3 0- LOYAL NOTE 360 Mrs E Andrews 5-11-7 .... Mr S Andrews
4 20-5 RED BEAM 40 J O'Donoghue 5-11-7 .... A Dicken (5)
5 63-2 SINGING DETECTIVE 15 P McEntee 6-11-7 .... C Llewellyn
6 JOLIZAL 145F D Morris 5-11-2 .... A Carroll
7 34U2 MAMALAMA 7F J Bridger 5-11-2 .... Rachel Bridger (7)
8 -P50 PRIMERA BALLERINA 91 J White 5-11-2 .... D Skyrme
9 P ALERT THE BOYS 45 R Hodges 4-10-9 .... W Irvine
10 LYN'S RETURN 5F R Simpson 4-10-9 .... B Wright
11 0 RED INK 64F J Jenkins 4-10-9 .... M Ahern
12 3602 ROYAL CIRCUS 16 P Hiatt 4-10-9 .... S Wynne (5)

11-4 Lyn's Return, 7-2 Royal Circus, 9-2 Mamalama, 6-1 Singing Detective, 8-1 Primera Ballerina, 12-1 Jolizal, 14-1 Red Beam, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Dow, 18 winners from 47 runners, 38.3%; T Thomson Jones, 9 from 26, 34.6%; Miss B Sanders, 22 from 66, 33.3%; J Old, 6 from 18, 33.3%; J White, 10 from 43, 23.3%; J Jenkins, 17 from 75, 22.7%.
JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 16 winners from 41 rides, 39.0%; T Grantham, 3 from 9, 33.3%; Dale McKeown, 30 from 92, 32.6%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 24, 29.2%; H Davies, 14 from 52, 26.9%; M Ahern, 9 from 45, 20.0%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ludlow

Going: soft

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, WINTER SQUALL (R Dunwoody, 2-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Mohana (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav); 3, Hymne D'Amour (J Osborne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Rainham (4th), 25 Magic Secret (6th), 33 Marine Society (5th), 66 Idiom, 100 Coisan Boy, Grey Illusions, Flying Down To Rio, Count Robert, On The Jar, 200 B'N'B Lady (ur), Dark Vision, Essen Aitch, Raehill. 16 ran. NR: Dan De Lyon, In Council. 8l, 20l, 5l, 4l, 8l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.33.

1.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, PITHY (D Leahy, 14-1); 2, Golden Freeze (M Pitman, 10-1); 3, Springholm (R Dunwoody, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Plat Reay (pu), 7-2 Lake Mission (6th), 6 Driving Force (4th), Midfielder (5th), 33 Heyfleet. 8 ran. 3½l, 3½l, 10l, 15l, 5l. R Price at Leominster. Tote: £11.80; £2.10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £39.70. CSF: £120.36. Tricast: £718.95.

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, MELEAGRIS (R Dunwoody, 9-1); 2, Sausalito Boy (P Scudamore, 11-10 fav); 3, Urban Cowboy (S McNeill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Motor Cloak (pu), Shutafut, 10 Juno Away, 11 Callas Electric (5th), 14 Blasket Hero (pu), 25 Generous Scot (6th), 50 Popple (pu), Malvernian (4th), 100 Wickfield Lad. 12 ran. Nk, ¾l, 5l, 8l, 2½l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £10.20; £2.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £9.10. CSF: £19.10. Tricast: £102.72.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, SADDLER'S CHOICE (N Williamson, 9-2; Thunderer's nap); 2, Strong Beau (R Dunwoody, 3-1 fav); 3, Young Miner (G Upton, 16-1); 4, Emily's Star (P Scudamore, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Sound Of Jura, 10 Another Conlord (pu), After Four, Buckingham Gate, 14 Bowl Of Oats, 20 Sky Venture (pu), Viceroy (5th), Nougat Russe (6th), 25 News Review (ur), 33 Impeccable Timing (pu), 50 Kee Kee's Dream (ur), 100 My Son John. 16 ran. 1½l, 3l, hd, 15l, 8l. J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.70, £4.10, £2.10. DF: £9.40. CSF: £18.87. Tricast: £198.82.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, EDWARD SEYMOUR (W Marston, 15-8 fav); 2, King Of Normandy (M Hourigan, 14-1); 3, Classics Pearl (A Shakespeare, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Robbie's Boy (6th), 11-2 Old Peg (4th), 7 Taylors Castle (5th), 10 Rust Moor, 20 Cobb Gate (pu), OK Records, Gemdoubleyou, 25 Golden Lark, 50 Aldington Baby Mae, 66 Never Touched Me (pu), Nordross. 14 ran. 5l, 3l, 2½l, 5l, 3l. W Jenks at Bridgnorth. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £2.90, £2.40. DF: £44.10. CSF: £29.62.

3.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, GAY RUFFIAN (P Scudamore, 8-13 fav); 2, Musthaveaswig (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3, Johnny Will (J Osborne, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Tim Soldier (f), Pims Gunner (4th), 25 Aldington Bell (pu), 33 Spoonhill Wood (pu), Joburn (5th), Ready Or Not (6th), Shaston, 66 Bally Parson (pu), Ballywilwall (pu), 100 Eighty Eight (pu), Maytown (f), The Point Is (ur), Crafty Chaplain. 16 ran. 7l, 2½l, 3½l, 30l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.89.

4.10 (2m flat) 1, MARSHALL SPARKS (M Foster, 9-1); 2, Snuffle Babe (M Harrington, 5-1); 3, Wickfield Singer (V Slattery, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Simple Arithmetic (4th), 8 Farmbridge (6th), 9 Crank Shaft, 10 Private Jet, 12 Super Coin, 20 Indian Run (5th), Oaklands Word, Good Blow, 25 Pridewood Picker, 33 Strawberry Fool (pu), Niyaka, Lazzaretto, 50 Box Of Delights, 100 Cancale, Catcha Thief. 18 ran. 8l, 2½l, 2l, 3l, 3l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £7.80; £2.90, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £25.80. CSF: £56.77. Placepot: £11.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Suluk (S Wynne, 1-4 fav); 2, Silver Strings (9-1); 3, Earlham (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Aberoy. 6l, ½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £1.50; £1.60, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £4.86.

1.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Munir (J A Harris, 4-1); 2, Jim-Joe (9-1); 3, Romany Spirit (14-1). Tip It In 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 4l, 2½l. J Harris. Tote: £5.70; £2.10, £2.70, £8.50. DF: £30.90. CSF: £37.89. Tricast: £426.69.

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Ragtime Cowboy Joe (Mr N Bradley, 50-1); 2, Full Sight (11-2); 3, Charlycia (13-2). Vicoo Bay 7-2 fav. 16 ran. 10l, ¾l. J Allen. Tote: £92.40; £16.00, £3.40, £2.30. DF: £56.50. CSF: £310.90.

2.50 (3m hdle) 1, St Ville (S Mason, 7-1); 2, Cosmic Dancer (11-4 fav); 3, Perry Well (12-1); 4, Druso (50-1). 16 ran. 20l, ¾l. J Curtis. Tote: £13.30; £1.90, £2.00, £3.80, £7.00. DF: £24.20. CSF: £27.05. Tricast: £219.81.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Court Circular (Diane Clay, 25-1); 2, Kargon (11-2); 3, Speedo Movement (33-1). Antiguan Flyer 4-6 fav. 10 ran. 8l, 5l. W Clay. Tote: £22.90; £3.90, £1.40, £4.80. DF: £89.10. CSF: £147.93.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Northern Nation (Diane Clay, 7-2); 2, Tristan's Comet (9-1); 3, Whiskey Blues (33-1). Top Villain 11-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: I'm Confident. 5l, ¾l. W Clay. Tote: £5.40; £1.60, £2.10, £4.70. DF: £38.50. CSF: £32.78. Tricast: £819.65.

Placepot: £485.20.

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Indian cricket prodigy runs into form

Tendulkar posing growing threat to England's hopes

FROM PETER BALL IN CHANDIGARH, INDIA

ENGLAND'S campaign in India may have only just begun in earnest — the second one-day international takes place here today — but there is already little doubt that Sachin Tendulkar offers a significant obstacle to their success. After a disappointing summer with Yorkshire, Tendulkar has returned to form with a vengeance, scoring a Test century in South Africa and opening the one-day series on Monday with a dazzling undefeated 82.

Nor may he be the only thorn in England's side. Vinod Kambli, who formed with Tendulkar a formidable partnership in Bombay schools cricket, outscored his childhood friend in the first one-day international in Jaipur. He finished with an unbeaten century.

"Kambli is only 21, but he showed the maturity of a seasoned star," Ajit Wadekar, the India manager, said. With Azharuddin and Manjrekar out of form, Kambli's success is important for India, but it was Tendulkar's innings which won the unstinted admiration of onlookers and opponents alike.

"I think he is the best batsman I've seen since I saw the young Viv Richards," Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, said. Paul Jarvis, Tendulkar's Yorkshire team-mate, whose own performances have won the approval of Graham Gooch, the England captain, was equally impressed. "Perhaps it wasn't the most dazzling innings I've seen from Sachin," he said, "but it was undoubtedly the best constructed."

Kambli, who sustained a leg injury during his innings, was expected to be fit for the match today, although he was walking with a slight limp when he had a net here yesterday. He has not impressed his opponents as much as Tendulkar. He has had a slower ascent since they shared an undefeated partnership of 664 in a schools match in 1988. "Sachin took the elevator to the top," he once remarked. "I'm going by the stairs, but I'll get there."

Tendulkar has arrived, but the one-day matches and the forthcoming Test series will offer him a new challenge. "He's the only one in form," Sunil Gavaskar, the former India captain, said yesterday. "The greatest test for him is going to be that the responsibility for ensuring India have big totals is on his shoulders. That will test his temperament when he realises that he has to get runs every time. At the moment he is allowed licence because he is only 19, but you can't stay 19 forever."

The presence of Kambli alongside him will undoubtedly help. Gavaskar, who is here as a television commentator, has been harshly critical of the India team, but he has no doubts about Tendulkar, whom he has helped for several years.

"I saw Sachin when he was 14, batting in the nets against the Bombay senior team," Gavaskar said. "He was perhaps two inches shorter than he is now, and he was playing bowlers, Test and zonal bowlers, who were bowling at full tilt. He looked absolutely at ease, he was unhurried, he didn't play and miss, he had time.

"My main memory was of him going on the back foot and flicking the ball between mid-on and mid-wicket. That is a very difficult shot. Flicking it square is easier, because you can use the speed of the ball to help it on, but to get that sort of power to play that shot off medium-fast bowlers at 14 was something special."

Kambli at that time was making a similar impact as the pair dominated schools cricket, regularly scoring double centuries. "He is an 'eye player'," Gavaskar said. "If his eye is in on a particular day he will bat well, but he is not technically as sound as Sachin, and he can be in trouble outside off stump because he tends to flash."

That suggests that Kambli may be more vulnerable in the Test matches, when the bowlers will be operating with a full complement of close catchers. The England team also suspects that he is vulnerable to fast bowling.

But even if Kambli has some way to go to match Tendulkar, they thrive on one another's company, at the crease and in the dressing-room. "I think the relationship helps, because they are good friends but also both are very competitive," Gavaskar said.

"When Sachin is at the wicket it is very important for Kambli, but Vinod coming into the side has helped Sachin, too."

Tendulkar's growing assertiveness will help in what is likely to be his next task, the India captaincy. He is captaining the under-25 team against England at Cuttack this weekend, and is clearly being groomed for the succession. With Azharuddin only appointed for one Test, the chance may come sooner than expected.

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), A J Stewart, R A Smith, M W Gatting, N H Fairbrother, G A Hick, D A Reeve, C C Lewis, P A J DeFreitas, I D K Salisbury, P W Jarvis, J P Taylor.

INDIA (from): M Azharuddin (captain), N S Sidhu, M Prabhakar, V G Kambli, S R Tendulkar, P K Amre, Kapil Dev, V Yadav, J Srinath, A R Kumble, S L V Raju, W V Raman, R Chauhan, S A Ankola.

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and S V Ramani.



Horse guards parade: Tait gets a military escort as he celebrates his victory at Knightsbridge Barracks yesterday

Tait claims easy victory in rankings series

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

BLYTH Tait, of New Zealand, the world champion, has won the inaugural Land Rover FEI world three-day event rider rankings by a 77-point margin. Mary Thomson, of Great Britain, who won at Badminton last year, was second and Bruce Davidson, of the United States, rose to third place, ahead of Pippa Nolan, of Great Britain, after his on Eagle Lion at Fair Hill, Maryland, at the end of the season.

Tait, 31, also headed the western European zone, one of five in the series. At a reception at Knightsbridge Barracks yesterday, the New Zealander, who has been based in Berkshire for the last three years, was presented with a cheque for £10,000 for his overall win and another for £4,000 for his zone win. The money will go towards buying a horse-box.

A former showjumper, Tait started three-day eventing in 1986. Four years later he was propelled to the top of the sport when he and Messiah won the world championships in Stockholm. Earlier that year they were runners-up at Badminton at their first attempt.

Last year he rode in nine three-day-events, finishing in the top ten in all but one. His top six counting events were Punchestown (first, Ricochet), the Olympic Games (third, Messiah), Blair Castle (first, Tempo), Blenheim (sixth, Ricochet), Burghley (second, Delta), and Loughanmore (fifth, Killaney).

Tait, who said that the ranking series had "enhanced the sport worldwide", intends to stay in Britain for another two years in order to defend his world championship title in 1994.

Thomson, 31, held the early lead in the rankings following her win on King William at Badminton and a second win at Windsor in May. But she dropped behind Tait in both the world and western European zones after finishing ninth at the Olympics. She will use her £1,000 prize money for training costs. Her goal this year is selection for the European championships in September.

Land Rover, whose sponsorship of the rankings covers 44 three-day events around the world, will continue their support for at least another two years.

John Foden, the director of the series, announced three changes for next year. Western Europe is to be divided into two zones, and riders with two horses in an event will now be able to score points on both horses, and three new awards will be made in 1993 including one for the highest-placed competitor with only one horse.

Mark Phillips, the technical director of the series, said that the rider rankings had had an enormous impact on the sport "particularly outside Britain, where sponsorship and prize money is less prevalent".

LEADING RANKINGS: 1, B Tait (NZ), 345pts; 2, M Thomson (GB), 268; 3, B Davidson (US), 230; 4, P Nolan (GB), 199; 5, K Dunn (GB), 183; 6, A Nicholson (NZ), 183; 7, L Murray (GB), 165; 8, J Bodenmuller (Switz), 159; 9, G Prec (Fr), 158; 10, V Lata (NZ), 157.

Athey applies for TCCB decision

BY MARTIN SEARBY

BILL Athey, the former Gloucestershire and England batsman, will today ask the registration committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to reclassify him so that he can continue a career which started with his native Yorkshire 16 years ago.

Athey, 35, joined Gloucestershire in 1984, becoming their most successful batsman since Hammond and their first player to represent England in 25 years. He refused the offer of a new contract and last November the TCCB placed him on List A, the category of player who has been offered but rejected terms.

Counties are restricted to two such signings in any five-year period and when Sussex, who have already taken on Adrian Jones and David Smith, applied to register him they were refused permission.



Athey: hoping

Gloucestershire's offer to their former captain has now been withdrawn, and Athey, who will be represented by his lawyer at today's hearing, wants to be classified as a free agent. "I thought after nine years' pretty good service I might be allowed to leave," he said. "I hope this is all sorted out and that I will be able to play at Hove. I think I have a good four or five years in me, and a change of scene will do me good."

Athey's case is that he now has no contract with Gloucestershire and the rules prevent him accepting the offer from Sussex. Should the TCCB refuse his application an action alleging restraint of trade would almost certainly follow.

☐ Ted Lester ended a 47-year association with Yorkshire yesterday when he retired as the county's scorer. Lester, 69, made his debut as a player in 1945 and scored 10,912 runs in first-class cricket and captained the second team from 1956 to 1961.

☐ Peter Roebuck, the former Somerset captain, will lead Devon in the Minor County championship this summer. Roebuck take over from Nick Folland, who has joined Somerset.

☐ Liam Botham, 15, son of Ian, is being sought by both Yorkshire and Lancashire. He is to have nets at Old Trafford, but Chris Hassell, the chief executive of Yorkshire, said: "We are still very much in the hunt to sign him."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fell
SWITZERLAND							
Leax Flims	80	170	hardpacked	few open	sunny	3	13/1
(Best snow on glacier (170cms). Wet snow on lower runs)							
Saas Fee	20	190	hardpacked	slick	cloudy	open	4
14/1							
(Cold, dry snow on highest runs. 24/28 lifts open)							
Verbier	3	250	fair	worn	sunny	-1	13/1
(Best snow above mid-station. All pistes open)							
Villars	10	20	thin	closed	sunny	2	11/12
(Spring snow on upper slopes. 17 out of 34 pistes open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	30	250	fair	few open	sunny	5	12/1
(Good snow cover above mid-station. 60 lifts, 70 pistes open)							
Courchevel	65	160	hardpacked	open	sunny	5	12/1
(Artificial snow on lower runs. Best snow upper south facing runs)							
Flaine	8	200	hardpacked	poor	sunny	-1	10/12
(Slick patches on lower slopes. 23 pistes open)							
Isola 2000	20	50	soft	thin	sunny	8	23/12
(Wet snow with bare patches on lower slopes)							
La Plagne	90	300	hardpacked	few open		-1	fine 12/1
(Snow cover poor below 1700m. Best snow on glacier)							
AUSTRIA							
Alpbach	0	50	mixed	closed	sunny	4	13/12
(Deteriorating conditions due to lack of fresh snow)							
Ischgl	10	110	mixed	worn	sunny	3	12/12
(Still good skiing on upper runs. All lifts open)							
Kitzbuhel	0C	40	poor	closed	sunny	6	12/12
(Mild weather continues to diminish snow cover)							
Lech	25	80	mixed	worn	sunny	0	12/12
(Still good skiing above mid-station)							
ITALY							
Bormio	10	160	good	icy	sunny	1	28/12
(11 out of 18 lifts open. Good skiing on 33km piste)							
Livigno	45	200	good	open	sunny	-2	12/12
(Still good skiing with all lifts open. Artificial snow in use)							
Sauze d'Oulx	30	70	fair	fair	clear	5	28/12
(17 out of 25 lifts open. Icy patches, but overall good skiing)							
Selva	20	70	good	open	sunny	0C	8/12
(Hardpacked snow all levels. All 82 lifts in Val Gardena open)							

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FOOTBALL

Hirst injury adds to Taylor's problems

THE outcome of Ipswich Town's Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final with Sheffield Wednesday was not the only issue that was not resolved at Portman Road on Tuesday night. An injury to David Hirst, the Wednesday forward, has further complicated the decision over who will lead England's attack against San Marino in a World Cup qualifying tie next month.

Alan Shearer, of Blackburn Rovers, has already been ruled out of the qualifier at Wembley on February 17 following a knee operation and, of the leading candidates to replace him, Les Ferdinand, of Queens Park Rangers, is doubtful with a groin injury.

On Tuesday night, Hirst became the third goalscorer unlikely to be available to Graham Taylor, the England manager, when he pulled a thigh muscle which is expected to keep him out of action for three to four weeks.

It was, generally, a frustrating night for Wednesday. They had looked ready for a semi-final meeting with Blackburn after John Sheridan gave them a 49th-minute lead, only to be denied by an 83rd-minute penalty equaliser from Steve Whitton. Hirst, ironically, should have settled the game in the 66th minute when he burst clear, but he lofted the ball over the bar with only the Ipswich goalkeeper, Clive Baker, to beat.

"Hirst will be out for three to four weeks," Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, said. "I would think he's definitely out of the England game. It is a big blow for us. Every time there is an England game he seems to get injured. I think he's taking after me."

Hirst's team-mate, Mark Bright, may now be disputing a place in the England team with Brian Deane, of Sheffield United, who has recently scored successive hat-tricks. Wednesday, meanwhile, will have to do without Hirst for the Ipswich replay, which, barring FA Cup replays, will be at Hillsborough on February 3.

The Bristol City manager, Denis Smith, had little sympathy with his full back, Martin Scott, after he was sent off for retaliation in the 2-0 FA Cup third-round defeat at Luton Town.

Scott was dismissed after 70 minutes for raising his arm towards the Luton forward, Phil Gray, and, although Scott barely made contact with Gray, Smith complained: "We were still in the game until the lad got himself sent off. That gave them the game.

"I don't believe that anybody should retaliate. You have to keep control of yourself out there no matter what. There's no point in retaliating. You take the free kick and when the ball's in the back of the net, you say 'Thank you very much'. That's the best sort of retaliation."

Luton capitalised on Scott's dismissal to earn a fourth-round tie against Derby County at Kenilworth Road on Saturday with goals by Gray and Ceri Hughes.

FA orders Liverpool to replay tie

LIVERPOOL suffered another setback yesterday when they learned that their penalty shoot-out victory over Bradford City in the FA Youth Cup will not count because penalty shoot-outs are not allowed in the competition.

Monday's replay ended as a draw after 90 minutes and, after consulting the coaches of both teams, the referee, Ian Hendrick, of Preston, organised a sudden-death penalty competition to resolve the tie. However, it was discovered later that the rules of the competition do not allow such a finish to a game. The Football Association is insisting the match must be played again.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday: "It's just one of those things and sums up our season."

Ray Ranson was yesterday cleared to play in Manchester City's FA Cup fourth-round tie at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday after extending his stay at Maine Road until the end of the season. Ranson, 32, began his professional career with City and recently rejoined them on loan after being given a free transfer by Newcastle United.

John Byrne, the Republic of Ireland international forward, scored in his second comeback match as Millwall beat the United States Under-21s 6-0 at The Den yesterday. Byrne, out for five weeks with a groin strain, came on as a substitute in the second half.

The San Francisco Bay Blackhawks, the 1991 American Professional Soccer League champions, yesterday announced plans to join the Mexican league after leaving the APSL last year. The move, however, is unlikely to be allowed by Fifa, the sport's world governing body.

Sparseness of tennis talent is underlined

Jeremy Bates and Jo Durie head the 1993 British tennis rankings — underlining the scarcity of young talent capable of breaking their domestic supremacy.

Bates, claims the No. 1 place for the sixth successive year at the age of 30, while Durie, 32, leads the women's list for the seventh time in 11 years.

Not friendly

Judo: Kate Howey, of Britain, beat her team-mate, Josie Horton, in the 72-kilogram final in the Hiroshima international women's championships in Japan yesterday.

New Doyle deal

Cycling: Tony Doyle, Britain's best six-day rider, last night signed for a new sponsor, Nellson-Tivoli.

Tarasov vaults in

Athletics: Maksim Tarasov, the Olympic pole vault champion, will lead Russia in the Pearl international at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow on January 30.

Hide rival named

Boxing: Herbie Hide, the Norfolk heavyweight, will face Juan Antonio Diaz, of Argentina, at Brentwood on January 30 for the vacant WBA Penta-Continental title.

Tough for England

Hockey: England are drawn in the same pool as Germany and Holland for the junior world cup in Spain from September 9 to 18.

Jaguar threat

Motor sport: Jaguar yesterday threatened to boycott the Le Mans 24-hour race in June unless their new XJ220 supercar can compete on level terms.

FOOTBALL

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Postponed: Falkirk v Berwick Rangers.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Division One: Postponed: Hamilton v Ayr.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fulham 0, West Ham 2. Postponed: Watford v Ipswich. Second division: Postponed: Plymouth v Yeovil, Torquay v Cardiff.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork City 0, Limerick 1.

Late results on Tuesday

FA Cup
Third round

LUTON TOWN (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Gray 30 Hughes 81
8,094
(Luton home to Derby in fourth round)

Coca-Cola Cup
Fifth round

IPSWICH TOWN	(0)	1	SHEFF WED	(0) 1
Whitton 83 (pen)			Sheridan 49	
19,374				

Barclays League
Third division

YORK	(1)	2	CARLISLE	(0) 2
Borthwick 38			Ogley 66	
Barnes 77			Proudlock 78	
3,071				

Autoglass Trophy
First round: Postponed: Torquay United v Plymouth Argyle.

Second round

BLACKPOOL	(1)	1	BURNLEY	(0) 3
Brock 24			Conroy 52, 78	
2,979			Farrell 76	
CARDIFF	(1)	1	SWANSEA	(0) 2
Blake 8			Legg 67 Hayes 97	
13,516				
(aet; score at 90 min 1-1)				
DARLINGTON	(1)	3	BOLTON	(2) 4
Mantembourgh 14			Walker 19, 22	
Dobie 51, 83			Lee 25 Kelly 96	
1,255				
(aet; score at 90 min 3-3)				
NORTHAMPTON	(0)	4	HEREFORD	(0) 0
McFarland 48, 89			1,982	
Scott 84 Ball 87				
ROCHDALE	(0)	0	SCUNTHORPE	(0) 0
1,046				
(abandoned after 87 min; floodlight failure)				
ROTHERHAM	(3)	3	WIGAN	(2) 3
Goodwin 14			Powell 17, 20	
Cunningham 27			Johnson 87	
Hunt 43			1,704	
(aet; Wigan won 5-4 on penalties)				

Tennents Scottish Cup
Third-round replay

CLYDEBANK	(1)	2	AIRDRIE	(0) 0
Eadie 43, 89			1,879	

POSTPONED: East Stirling v Cove Rangers.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Postponed: Motherwell v Dundee United; Partick Thistle v Hibernian. First division: Postponed: Dumbarton v Raith Rovers.

Second division

FORFAR	(1)	4	MONTROSE	(0) 3
Wilson 19 (pen)			Yates 46 Cobb 72	
Mann 63 Hamilton 70			Allan 75	
Bingham 89			852	

POSTPONED: Stenhousemuir v Alloa.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Derby 6, Wigan 0; Grimsby 2, Everton 1. Postponed: Coventry v Preston.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood 0, Dorking 0. Third division: Cove 3, Hertford 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Full Members Cup: Preliminary round: Aveley 2, Bromley 5; Bishop's Stortford 5, Billericay 0; Heybridge 0, Wivenhoe 1. Postponed: Abingdon Town v Basingstoke.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 0, Arsenal 3. Second division: Bournemouth 1, Bristol R 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUES: Premier division: Cheltenham 2, Atherstone 2; Crawley 2, Dover 1; Halesowen 1, Burton 2; Moor Green 2, Worcester 3; Trowbridge 3, Dorchester 1; V S Rugby 1, Hednesford 2. Postponed: Hastings v Cambridge City. Southern division: Andover 0, Poole 1; Baddock 1, Dunstable 1; Bearsted 3, Burnham 0; Buy Town 1, Canterbury 1; Erith and Belvedere 2, Ashford Tn 6; Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Sudbury C 0; Sittingbourne 2, Buckingham 1. Midland division: Bedworth 3, Grantham 0; Grasley Rov 4, Redditch 0; King's Lynn 3, Sutton Coldfield 2; Leicester United 0, Bilston 0; Rushden and Diamonds 6, Hinckley 0; Weston-super-Mare 4, Bridgnorth 2. Postponed: RC Warwick v Yate.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston 2, Norwich United 1; Felixstowe Town 0, Tiptree 0.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Holywell 1, Flint Town Utd 3. Postponed: Connah's Quay v Newtown; Haverfordwest v Aber Lido.

FOOTBALL: Pontins League: First division (7.0): Stoke v Aston Villa; Sheffield Wednesday v Man City. Second division: Huddersfield v Hull (7.30).

FA Youth Challenge Cup: Third-round replay: Brighton & Hove Albion v Wycombe Wanderers.

BOWLS: Yetton Trophy Women's Inter Club Championship Zone finals.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures 1, Homdean 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Salford C 3, Mains Road 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Haileybury 1, UCS 0. ESFA Mars under-18 trophy: First round: Chesterhouse 1, Taunton's College, Southampton 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round, replay: Wimbledon 3, Fulham 2.

WORLD CUP: Qualifying competition: African zone: Group C: Angola 0, Egypt 0.

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SEOUL: Korea Open: Men: First round: A Nielsen (Eng) bt Lin Wei Chen (Taipei) 12-15, 15-10, 15-8; Muralidaran (Malaysia) bt P Knowles (GB) walkover; S Butler (Eng) bt D Jayakodi (Sri Lanka) 15-7, 15-9; D Hall (Eng) bt R J Naresh (Phil) 18-3, 15-5; Lee Suk-Ho (S Kor) bt P Stevenson (Aus) 15-7, 13-15, 15-8. Second round: Kusama bt Dong 17-18, 15-7; Nielsen bt Kim Dong-Mun 15-7, 16-12; Hidekl bt Olsson 15-3, 15-4; Ahn bt Antropov 15-18, 15-0, 15-10; Lauridsen bt Mainaiyk 17-18, 18-8, 15-7; Lee Yong-Sun bt Muralidaran 15-4, 15-4; Pormedi bt Shemaths 15-1, 15-9; Kim Hak-Kyun bt Shenogami 15-10, 15-9; Park bt Lee Suk-Ho 15-8, 15-4; Andreasson bt Chen 15-10, 15-3; Butler bt Fumihito 15-7, 15-4; Wu bt Kim Chul-Joong 15-7, 15-7; Lee Kwang-Jin bt Hidekl 15-4, 15-9; Hall bt Khan 15-7, 15-7; Lee Mie Chow bt Kim Young-Gil 15-1, 15-10; Suprianto bt Xie 15-8, 15-1.

BOXING

BOISE, Idaho: WBA Middleweight: R Johnson (US) bt Ki Yun Song of South Korea rtd 8th rd.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 102, Charlotte Hornets 100; Indiana Pacers 116, Washington Bullets 96; Dallas Mavericks 113, Detroit Pistons 103; Houston Rockets 102, Sacramento Kings 96; Portland Trail Blazers 119, Milwaukee Bucks 92; San Antonio 121, Denver 110.

CRICKET

DELHI Tour match (second day): Indian Board President's XI 224 and 47-1. England Under-19 XI 267.

CYCLING

BREMEN, Germany: Six-day race: Final standings: 1, U Preuler (Switz) and P Pieters (Holl) 554pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and R Stumpf (Ger) 547; 3, B Risi and K Betschart (Switz) 364; 4, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel) 354; 5, one lap behind, R Guenthar (Ger) and J Veggerby (Den) 308; 6, seven laps behind, K Khrabtchev and M Genevyer (Russ) 205; 7, nine laps behind, P Binodetto and G Bontempi (It) 258; 8, C Wolf and A Kaus (Ger) 213; 9, S Tourne and R von Slijcke (Bel) 179.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 2, Detroit Red Wings 2 (OT); Boston Bruins 2, New York Islanders 2 (OT); Quebec Nordiques 5, Ottawa Senators 2; Minnesota North Stars 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, St Louis Blues 1; Winnipeg Jets 5, Chicago Blackhawks 2; Buffalo Sabres 3, Calgary Flames 2 (OT); Los Angeles Kings 5, Edmonton Oilers 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Vancouver Canucks 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Division Two: Postponed: Rochdale v London Crusaders.

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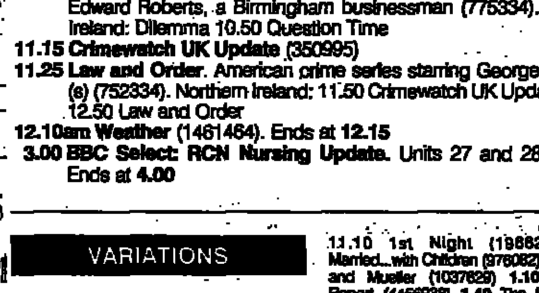
Club matches: Oxford University 8, Royal Navy 14; Cambridge University 22 RAF 24.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (45570) **7.00 Breakfast News** (38342727)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9951889) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (3046131)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4562353) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (2112082)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (61098709)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Jimmy Nail (s) (3296889) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24953421)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (89841)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58791150) **1.50 First Letter First.** Word game hosted by Don Maclean (58702266)
2.15 Film: The Long Summer of George Adams (1982) starring James Garner and Joan Hackett. A homely TV movie, set in small-town America during the early 1950s, about the effect on a long-serving railway hand, his family and friends, of the arrival of diesel power. Directed by Stuart Margolin (398044)
3.50 Rupert. Animation narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (9193976) **3.55 Melvin And Maureen's Music-a-Grams.** The third of a 13-part musical series (7597599) **4.10 Jackanory.** Lesley Vickerage with the first of a two-part story *The Angel of Nitshill Road* (s) (5068860) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (7209470) **4.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men.** Episode three of Tony Robinson's six-part comedy drama. (Ceefax) (s) (3836834)
4.55 Newsround (6797624)
5.05 Blue Peter presented by John Leslie, Diane-Louise Jordan and Anthea Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (3308082)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (262421). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (421)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (773). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (7247)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (957)
8.00 Wildlife On One: The Swarm.
● CHOICE: The topic for tonight is jellyfish and in particular why they swarm in such spectacular and sometimes damaging fashion. Such swarms have even been credited with closing a nuclear power station. In the Mediterranean millions of jellyfish have formed into a mass measuring 30 miles long by two miles wide. And we are not talking about the innocuous little blobs found at the British seaside. Jellyfish can be the size of thimbles. They can also be three or four yards long. To seek an explanation for these dramatic concentrations of wobbling flesh, the film visits the beaches of Miami, the Suez canal and the Scottish Highlands. The camerawork is often astonishing. It not only demonstrates the mechanics of the jellyfish's famous sting but gets in so close that you can almost feel the pain. (Ceefax) (s) (6995)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie as a well-meaning but a busybody manager of a council leisure centre (5402)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7228)
9.30 Crimewatch UK, presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook, appeals for information on the mysterious disappearance of a man from outside a pub in Newcastle upon Tyne; and on the identities of three men who robbed a Bolton bank. (Ceefax) (s) (209112)



Topical debate: Baroness Denton of Wakefield (10.15pm)

10.15 Question Time presented from Birmingham by Peter Sissons. The guests are Baroness Denton of Wakefield, David Blunkett, MP, Elaine Foster, head teacher of Handsworth Wood Girls' School, and Edward Roberts, a Birmingham businessman (775334). Northern Ireland: Dilemma 10.50 Question Time
11.15 Crimewatch UK Update (350995)
11.25 Law and Order. American crime series starring George Dzundza (s) (752334). Northern Ireland: 11.50 Crimewatch UK Update 12.00-12.50 Law and Order
12.10am Weather (1461464). Ends at **12.15**
3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update. Units 27 and 28 (36193). Ends at **4.00**

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (4137247) **8.15 Westminster** (9591957)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (90710624) **2.15 Advice Shop.** Welfare rights magazine presented by Helen Madden and Andrew Miller (4847860). Northern Ireland: Cameo 2.25-3.15 Northern Ireland Question Time
3.00 News and weather (9063976) followed by **Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole (8935792) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5425565)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game (686)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Lord Archer and Tony Banks, MP, discuss the government's pit closures and rail privatisation (s) (570)
5.00 Killers in the Cupboard. A look at teenagers' lethal craze of sniffing volatile substances, that sometimes has fatal results (8353)
5.30 Food and Drink. Includes a microwave recipe for a haddock and mushroom dish (r) (s) (150)
6.00 Film: City Beneath the Sea (1953) starring Robert Ryan and Anthony Quinn. Underwater drama about two deep sea divers hunting for gold bullion in a wreck off the coast of Jamaica. Directed by Budd Boetticher (98150). Wales: Help Your Child With Reading 6.15 Italianissimo 6.30 Channel Hopping 7.00 Advice Shop
7.30 First Sight: Making a Drama Out of a Crisis. Fiona Oates reports on how insurance companies evade having to pay out on claims because of the small print on the policies (599). Northern Ireland: Spotlight; Wales: Dad's Army; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west Close Up; West: Close Up West

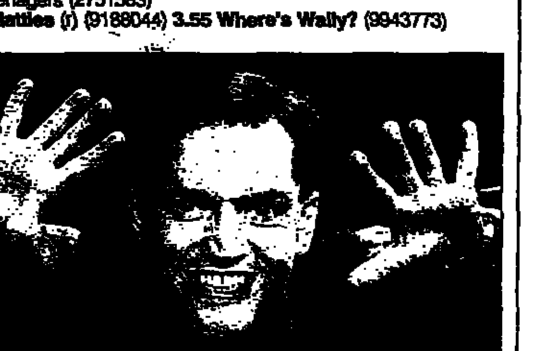


On guard: will Britain remain a United Kingdom? (8.00pm)

8.00 The Essential History of Europe. The ninth of 12 films on the member countries of the EC focuses on the United Kingdom (s) (4537)
8.30 Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson. The barrister and wit with more answers to bizarre questions (s) (3044)
9.00 Joking Apart. Steven Moffat's black and bitter comedy about divorce, starring Robert Bathurst and Fiona Gillies (s) (8570)
9.30 The Trouble with Medicine: Temple of Science.
● CHOICE: The valuable series on debates in modern medicine visits the John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. The film is partly a portrait of a world-class teaching hospital, intercutting the stories of three patients, putting in a word for overworked junior doctors and celebrating advances in technology. But the programme is a polemic as well as a record. It asks whether this technology is helping to promote specialist treatment for the few at the expense of the everyday needs of the many. In a city with a formidable drugs problem and an alarming incidence of heart disease, this is a pertinent question. A priest who has helped to set up Sunday clinics in his church says the need is for more "walk-the-street" doctors. He claims that basic health care is coming second to expensive symbols of medical progress (s) (960711)
10.20 Wayne's World. Cult comedy (r). (Ceefax) (736173)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. Includes an interview with a Russian defector (979889)
11.15 The Late Show
● CHOICE: Journalists from television and newspapers reflect on the peculiar hazards of covering the war in the former Yugoslavia. It is not just the physical danger, though this is real enough. Already more reporters have been killed in little more than a year than in the entire Vietnam conflict. Others, such as Martin Bell, have been injured but happily lived to tell the tale. Bell recalls the incident and, on a more trivial note, reveals the secret of his incongruous white suit. Apart from trying to dodge the bullets, reporters have to decide who is shooting at whom. Since all the warring factions, Serbs, Croats and Muslims, tend to fire off indiscriminately this can be difficult. But the ultimate difficulty, pinpointed by Kate Adie, is that there are no good or bad guys. At least in the Gulf war, it was a simple matter of us against them (s) (944745)
11.55 Behind the Headlines. As 4.30pm (945112)
12.25am Weather (5035483)

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Fiona Armstrong and Michael Wilson. The guests include the Princess Royal, who will be talking about her Trust for Carers which aims to gain recognition for carers and to provide information and support services which are essential for carers, actress Patricia Hodge and singer Chris Rea (7387063)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game hosted by Richard Madeley (9521889) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2198402)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (6592763)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes dress-making hints, family health and practical tips for aspiring writers. Includes national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (64859518)
12.10 The Riddlers. For the very young (9524402)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (4724651) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (64526808)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (632860) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (631131)
2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes; Barry Took dives into the archives (623112) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Highlands (7691841)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9074082) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9073353) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz for teenagers (2751583)
3.50 The Rattles (r) (9188044) **3.55 Where's Wally?** (9943773)



Extra-terrestrial antics: Tim Whitnall as Angelo (4.20pm)

4.20 Mike and Angelo. American comedy drama (s) (8293353) **4.45 Bad Influence!** Computer and video games series (3826957)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3392421)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (870599)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (47547)
7.00 Emmerdale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (2315)
7.30 Storyline. The story behind the biggest rave to be held in this country (s) (353)
8.00 The Bill: Supply and Demand. DS Greig's investigations into a burglary take an unlikely turn after he is provided with a video of a housewife taking a bath (1063)
8.30 Minder: Uneasy Rider. Ray smells a rat when Arthur's latest venture — a despatch business — is inundated with blue chip customers. (Teletext) (64150)
9.30 Dave Allen. More comic observations on life in general (s) (97042)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (71773) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (711957)
10.40 Big City. Weekly leisure and entertainment guide for the London area, presented by Gordon Kennedy and Carolyn Marshall (s) (258808)
11.15 Film: Lone Wolf McQuade (1983) starring Chuck Norris and David Carradine. Action adventure about a maverick Texas ranger who single-handedly takes on a gun-running operation. Directed in spaghetti western style by Steve Carver (89878957)
1.20 The Twilight Zone: The Elevator. A tale of the supernatural (2747629)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (59984)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (37377)
2.30 Donahue. The guests are engaged couples whose families are arguing over the wedding arrangements (28648)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Mirror, Mirror. An evil woman takes advantage of her sister's instability (30464)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Weekly guide (r) (s) (61377)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French soap following the fluctuating fortunes of an aristocratic family (84648)
5.30 ITN Morning News (81939). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (2190957) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (66632)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (81150)
9.30 Schools (384179) **12.00 The Parliament Programme** (78686)
12.30 Sesame Street (31334) **1.30 Lift Off** (28179)
2.00 Film: Rose of Washington Square (1939, b/w) starring Alice Faye, Tyrone Power and Al Jolson. Thinly disguised musical about Fanny Brice, the singer who tries to keep her marriage going while her husband mixes in bad company. Directed by Gregory Ratoff (391131)
3.35 The City (b/w). A Post Office short, made in 1939, looking at aspects of city life (4032222)
4.00 A Day In the Life Of ... A profile of Ian McCulloch, former lead singer of Echo and the Bunnymen (r) (222)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (266)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are the children of convicted killer, Betty Broderick (2536315)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series (r) (395599)
6.00 The Word — Access All Areas. A behind-the-scenes look at last week's edition of *The Word* (s) (131)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Video and computer games show (711)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (772131)
7.50 It's Come to This. A look at the plight of the small businessman in the middle of the recession (834518)



Fishy story: a Scottish trawlerman lands his catch (8.00pm)

8.00 Close to Home. The current affairs series this week reports from Fraserburgh on why the Scottish fishing community sees little future for itself. (Teletext) (9605)
8.30 Timesigns. The first of a four-part series examining the history of the environment by analysing the landscape, presented by Nick Aston (r). (Teletext) (8112)
9.00 The Sexual Imperative: A Time and a Place.
● CHOICE: For a series which claims to offer comparisons between the sexuality of humans and animals there continues to be a lot about animals and little about us. In any case it would be difficult to find human parallels for many of tonight's examples, which include marine worms in western Samoa, the horseshoe crab of north America and a nymph-like creature called the cicada which mates only once in 17 years. The linking theme is the trigger to reproduction. In many cases, the film reveals, this comes literally out of the sky. There are fish that mate by moonlight, swans and bees are stimulated by the heat of the sun and in the tropics the catalyst can be rain. As a natural history documentary *The Sexual Imperative* is watchable and informative but so far at least the human insights have been sparse (s) (1150)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Sometimes hilarious comedy set in a television newsroom. This week Henry (David Swift), the apoplectic newsreader, is upset when he learns that his former wife is to re-marry. Why not to him, he wonders (79315)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Comedy improvisation series presented by Clive Anderson (r) (s) (250266)
11.05 The Avengers (b/w) Classic secret service adventure series from the 1960s, starring Patrick Macnee and Honor Blackman (r) (884082)
12.10am Dispatches. How President Clinton has been forced to come to terms with the realities of government during the 11 weeks since his election (r) (2073193)
1.00 The Dick Powell Theatre: Up Jumped the Devil (b/w). A company executive has been gambling the firm's money and must cover the fact at any cost (r) (5497879). Ends at **1.55**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (2751583) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (3392421) **6.00** Home and Away (687228) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (657063) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (202518) **11.10** Widescreen (196824) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (483792) **12.35** Coach (6526174) **1.00** Wrestling (9729396) **1.45** Film: The Unforgiven (42692209) **3.55** America's Top Ten (5839551) **4.30** Riviera (13648). **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (84648)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Wild World of the East (7691841) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (2751583) **6.00** Lookaround (889) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (841) **10.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (691709) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (977711) **12.05** Married...with Children (1587532) **12.35** Coach (6526174) **1.00** Wrestling (9729396) **1.45** Film: The Unforgiven (42692209) **3.55** America's Top Ten (5839551) **4.30** Riviera (13648) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (84648)

CENTRAL
As London except: 3.20-3.50 GP (2751583) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (3392421) **6.00** Home and Away (687228) **6.25-7.00** Central News (675247) **10.40** Central Lobby (202518) **11.10 1st Night** (196824) **11.40** Married...with Children (976082) **12.10** Miller and Mueller (1037629) **1.10** Hollywood Report (4456938) **1.40** The Little Picture Show (2080008) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2974782) **3.10** America's Top Ten (84003938) **3.40** Stage 2 (2747938) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (6771551)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (632860) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (631131) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (2751583) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3392421) **6.00** Home and Away (889) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (841) **10.40** Families (691709) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (977711) **12.05** Married...with Children (1587532) **12.35** Coach (6526174) **1.00** Wrestling (9729396) **1.45** Film: The Unforgiven (42692209) **3.55** America's Top Ten (5839551) **4.30** Riviera (13648)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (631131) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (2751583) **6.00** HTV News (889) **6.30-7.00** West By Wedlock (841) **10.40** The West This Week (962593) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (749632) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (483792) **12.35** Coach (6526174) **1.00** Wrestling (9729396) **1.45** Film: The Unforgiven (42692209) **3.55** America's Top Ten (5839551) **4.30** Riviera (13648) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (84648)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** New Candid Camera **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** The Weekend Ahead **10.55** Wales and Westminster **11.25-11.40** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (2751583) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (889) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (841) **10.40** The Pier (232860) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (142608) **12.15** War of the Worlds (258735) **1.15-1.30** Rock Sport (2351716) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (84648)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (2751583) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (889) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (841) **10.40** Put It In Writing (202518) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (146624) **12.05** Film: Crucible of Terror (167919) **1.45** America's Top Ten (56822) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (48803) **2.45** Schimanski (327551) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (59532)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (631131) **3.20-3.05** A Country Practice (2751583) **6.00** Westcountry Live (47547) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (202518) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (146624) **12.10** Married...with Children (6081803) **12.35** Coach (6526174) **1.00** Wrestling (9729396) **1.45** Film: The Unforgiven (42692209) **3.55** America's Top Ten (5839551) **4.30** Riviera (13648) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (84648)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (2751583) **5.55** Calendar (584518) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (841) **10.40** Edit 5 (202518) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (146624) **12.05** Film: Crucible of Terror (167919) **1.45** America's Top Ten (56822) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (48803) **2.45** Schimanski (327551) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (59532)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (66632) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (81150) **9.30** Ysgolion (384179) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (78686) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (29808) **1.00** Lift Off (12179) **1.30** The Three Stooges (58784860) **1.50** Film: The Foreman Went to France (46226860) **3.25** Writing On the Line (3152131) **4.25** Slot 23 (1352042) **5.00** Countdown (3421) **5.30** Gamesmaster (518) **6.00** News (612614) **6.10** Heno (943247) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1547) **7.30** Margaret Williams (995) **8.00** Talith 3 (9605) **8.30** News (791599) **8.55** Taro 9 (904547) **9.30** Operation Hospital (97024) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (79315) **10.30** Film: Dance With a Stranger (33364044) **12.20** The Word — Access all Areas (6085629) **12.45** The Steve Allen Show (58280) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45944334) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8540570) **9.10** Cartoons (1663518) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (58334) **10.00** Strike it Rich (17150) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (27976) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (41605) **12.00** Falcon Crest (48957) **1.00pm** E Street (45421) **1.30** Another World (8909763) **2.15** Santa Barbara (278686) **2.45** Maude (277957) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver (267570) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6434518) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1228) **6.00** Rescue (5150) **6.30** E Street (6402) **7.00** Alf (2957) **7.30** Family Ties (2686) **8.00** Full House (1605) **8.30** Melrose Place (43266) **9.30** Chances (22063) **10.30** Studs (28605) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (22570) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (4419082) **10.00 The Time Guardian** (1987): Time-travellers warn of a cyborg attack (42673711) **11.50 Lady Caroline Lamb** (1973): Sarah Miles as Byron's mistress (48836860) **2.00pm Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County** (1970): Comedy western (69217) **4.00 Portrait in Black** (1960): Lana Turner plots to murder her husband (9880) **6.00 The Time Guardian** (as 10am) (43769353) **7.40 Entertainment Tonight** (575228) **8.00 The Fourth War** (1990): An American and a Russian colonel wage a personal military campaign against one other (96518) **10.00 Silver Bullet** (1985): Corey Haim and Gary Busey stalk a werewolf (227334) **11.35 The Black Cat** (1990): A supernatural curse plagues a film unit (779686) **1.05am Steel and Lace** (1990): Bruce Davison creates an android in his sister's image (5462822) **2.35 Career Opportunities** (1991): Frank Whaley and Jennifer Connelly spend the night in a department store (5505193) **4.00 Victim of Beauty** (1991): True story of a beauty queen (399484). Ends at 5.40

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Appointment in Honduras (1953): Jungle adventure with Glenn Ford (75063) **8.00 The First Deadly Sin** (1980): Frank Sinatra tracks a serial killer between hospital visits to wife Faye Dunaway (97808) **10.00 Nightmare in Badham County** (1976): Teenage girls are captured by white slave traders (119841). Ends at 11.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Gallavants (1968): Cartoon musical about an ant-like race (35044) **9.00 Where's Willy?:** Comedy about a boy genius (27537) **11.00 Pal Joey** (1957): Frank Sinatra stars as a nightclub entertainer (31082) **1.00pm Victim of Innocence** (1990): A former GI rescues his daughter from Vietnam (81557179) **2.50 Gallavants** (as 7am) (76397112) **4.35 Berlin Tunnel 21** (1981). American soldiers rescue a German girl (91943570) **7.00 Vestige of Honour** (1990). A soldier returns to Thailand (59624) **9.00 The Kissing Place** (1990): A boy discovers that he was kidnapped by his "parents" (86131) **11.00 Casualties of War** (1989): American soldier Sean Penn leads the kidnap, rape and murder of a Vietnamese girl (847247) **12.55am Beverly Hills Brats** (1989): A rich kid engineers his own kidnapping (112754) **2.35 A Sinful Life** (1989): Anita Morris struggles to keep her child (41966396) **5.00 The Man Inside** (1990): Jurgen Prochnow infiltrates a German newspaper (43342). Ends at 6.35

SKY SPORTS
6.00am Cricket: India v England (7969711) **11.30** Australian Open Tennis (4796841) **5.00pm** High Five (7421) **5.30** Fishing the West (4266) **6.00** Soccer News (379711) **6.03** WWF Challenge (34353) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (4957) **7.30** Red Line (45599) **8.30** The Boot Room (69228) **9.30** Cricket: India v England (579150) **12.00** Australian Open Tennis (53716) **2.00-3.00am** European League (60377)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (90421) **8.30** Figure Skating (62044) **10.30** Step Aerobics (86228) **11.00** American College Basketball (32686) **12.30pm** Eurofun Magazine (11402) **1.00** Snowboard (16957) **2.00** Figure Skating (46537) **4.00** Show Jumping (16808) **5.00** Golf: Hassan II Trophy (1624) **6.00** Ford Ski Report (29421) **7.00** Trans World Sport (41082) **8.00** Eurofun (8773) **8.30** News (7808) **9.00** Basketball (29191) **10.30** Kick Boxing (92585) **11.30-12.00** News (40402)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Men's Volleyball (64286) **8.00** Indoor Hockey (14745) **9.00** Bowling (73889) **10.00** Basketball (63841) **11.00** NBA Basketball (71624) **1.00pm** Snooker (45957) **3.00** Indoor Hockey (29137) **4.00** Monster Trucks (2044) **4.30** Indoor Motocross (29353) **5.30** Ten Pin Bowling (86599) **6.30** Football Europa (88082) **7.30** Motorsport (36841) **8.30** Football Holland (3082) **9.00** Spanish Football (10112) **10.00** Global Adventure (88781) **10.30** French Ice Racing (83131) **11.00** Monster Trucks (13711) **11.30** Rugby Union: Scotland v Ireland (52518) **12.30-1.00am** Football Holland (31445)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (42860) **10.30** The Rush Limbaugh Show (77570) **11.00** Gloss (83570) **11.30** The Joan Rivers Show (6822247) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1958421) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (77113044) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42032402) **2.10** Braken (7397155) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (5686) **3.30** The Bill Dana Show (8605) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke Show (7112) **4.30** American Gameshows (14421) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (7976) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (27063) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (336792) **10.00** Jukebox Top Five (1266995) **2.30-3.00am** Top Five (46848)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow: Zippy is being naughty (57740824) **6.15** Button Moon (57745179) **6.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (9829537) **7.00** Bravestarr (2282315) **7.30** Neighbours (2294150) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5847266) **8.30** EastEnders (5846537) **9.00** The Bill (5837889) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8165131) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (5826247) **11.30** Terry and June (3896437) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5840353) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7502792) **1.00** EastEnders (2281696) **1.30** The Bill (7501063) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1826860) **2.30** French Fields (7611598) **3.00** Dallas. Taste of Success (6766583) **4.00** Bravestarr (7635179) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7624063) **5.00** Neighbours (1817112) **5.30** Dr Who: The Krotons (7615315) **6.00** The Onedin Line (7510711) **7.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1837976) **7.30** Terry and June (7625792) **8.00** EastEnders (1846624) **8.30** French Fields (1825131) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1828082) **10.00** The Bill (5841082) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (5827402) **11.00** The Goodies (2566727) **11.30** Film: Benghazi (1955, b/w) starring Richard Conte and Victor McLaglen (4135605) **12.45-2.00am** Video Bites (39702803)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Felice Giardini (Sonata for violin and continuo in E major/minor); Bach (Concerto in C minor for oboe and violin, BWV 1060); Haydn (Symphony No 14 in A); Bax (The Garden of Fand)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Dvořák's Pupils. Nedbal (Overture, The Wine Harvest: Orchestra of the Smetana Theatre under Karel Nedbal) Suk (Meditation on the St Wenceslas Chorale, Op 35: Talich Quartet); Novak (Karlstejn, Finale, Act 2: Ivan Kusnjer, baritone; Kuhn Male Chorus; Prague Radio SO under Libor Pesek); Fucik (March, Herzegovina, Op 235); Dvořák, arr Suk (Cypresses Nos 4 and 6: RIAS Sinfonietta, Berlin under Jiri Starek); Suk (About Friendship, Op 36: Pavel Stepan, piano); Novak (Ballet, Signorina Gioventu — excerpt: Brno State PO under Frantisek Jilek); Nedbal (Valse Triste, Simple Johnny: Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann)
10.00 The Enchanted Palace: Tales of Courtly Love and the Lure of the East. Etienne de Meaux (Trop est mes maris jalos); Anon (Por col me.bait mes maris); Anon (Bele Yolanz); Bax, orch Graham Parlett (May Night in the Ukraine); Malcolm Arnold (Variations on a Ukranian Folk Song); Taneyev (Piano Quartet in E, Op 20); Naji Hakim (Memor); Fournival (Onques n'amat tant con je); Anon (Li debounaires; Dieus m'a mis en sa prison); Audefroi le Bastart (Bele Ysabiaus, pucele bien aprise); Ravel (Shéhérazade)
12.00 Amadeus Trio performs Beethoven (Trio in E flat, Op 3); Mozart (Duo in G for violin and viola, K423) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Welsh SO under Rudolf Barshai performs Verdi (Overture, Nabucco); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)
2.00 Dartington Summer School 1992: BBC Singers under John Poole, with Vinko Globokar, trombone, perform Tchaikovsky (Blazhenni yazhe izbral, Blessed whom you choose; Destoyno yest yako, In truth it is meet; Nine Sili Nebesniya, Angel Hosts; Kheruvimskaya Pesn, Cherubim Song); Jonathan Harvey (Two Fragments, Audivi vocem; Virgo Virginum; I Love the Lord); Rachmaninov (Nunc Dimittis; Laudate dominum); Vinko Globokar (Kolo)
3.00 Boulez as Conductor: Michael Berkeley and Anthony Payne play and discuss classic Boulez recordings. Stravinsky (Symphonies of Wind Instruments — 1920 version: New York PO); Berg (Three Pieces, Op 6: BBC SO); Webern (Three Songs, Op 18: Halina Lukomska, soprano, Colin Bradbury, clarinet, John Williams, guitar); Bartók (Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta: BBC SO); Berio (In ruhig fliessender Bewegung, Sinfonia; New Swingle Singers; French National Orchestra); Xenakis (Jalons: Ensemble InterContemporain); Wagner (Das Rheingold — excerpts: Bayreuth Festival Orchestra)
5.00 In Tune: Peter Paul Nash with music, news and weather
7.30 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy, live from the Festival Hall. William Walton (Suite, Henry V; Cello Concerto: with Mischa Maisky). **8.20** The Writing on the Wall. A.H. Halsey reflects on Walton's life (r). **8.40** Walton (Belshazzar's Feast: with the Brighton Festival Chorus)
9.30 Chita: The third and final part of Lafcadio Hearn's novel, adapted by Roger Frith
9.55 Chopin Waltzes: Claudio Arrau, piano, plays Waltzes, Op 69
10.15 The Myth Maker: The American record producer George Avakian talks of his work with Benny Goodman (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Peggy Reynolds reviews the first night of *King Lear* at the Royal Court Theatre
11.30 Clérambault Cantatas: Cantata (Médée; Suite in C minor); Cantata (Orphée)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 Two People: Colin Semper meets two widows who are contemplating marriage for the second time. Would acceptance be an act of disloyalty to their first husbands?
10.00-10.30 News; Gentlemen and Ladies (FM only): Susan Hill's study of life in a small English village, adapted by Bill Matthews. Starring Patricia Hayes, Stephanie Cole and Siân Phillips (s)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Screwtape Letters (LW only): Letters from a Senior to a Junior Devil, by C.S. Lewis. With Gerald Harper (6/15)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Includes a report on women animators. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Boogie Up the River: Written and adapted by Mark Wallington. Starring Timothy Spall (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Another Dimension
● CHOICE: The defeatist message in Don Haworth's morality play is delivered in what would be act one, if the play had acts. The Seneca-quoting man (Ewen Hooper) who owns a third of the house which property developers want to demolish, tells the two couples who own the rest of it that, in life, there is an ultimate futility about the act of striving. This is a time play in the manner of Priestley's, and a grandfather clock chimes throughout to underline the play's other message that, once fired, time's arrows can never be recalled (s)
3.00-4.00 Against the Grain (FM only): Women Are as Violent as Men. Ann Marie Hourihane invites listeners to ring 071-580 4444.
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *All's Well That Ends Well* in Mold; examines the latest trend in tattoos; discusses the future of West End theatre; and talks to the German soprano Anne-Sophie Mutter (s)
4.45 Short Story: Mrs Evans Number Six, by Rhys Davies. Read by Siôn Probert
5.00 PM with Frank Partridge and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Weather **5.55** Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon: A 1950s back issue. With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Return to Chile: Dr Sheila Cassidy returns to Chile for the first time since her torture, imprisonment and expulsion in 1975 (s)
8.00 Wide Awake in Ireland: John Waters concludes his three-part series on Ireland by examining Irish identity in the modern world (s)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Read by Ian Holm (9/10)
11.00 Fear on 4: Vicious Fish, by John Duquemin and Gregor Grice. Starring John Hollis as George and Paul Copley as Tony. Introduced by Edward de Souza, the Man in Black (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m Classic FM: FM-100-102.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** In Concert: Paul Weller at the Albert Hall **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Pull the Other One **7.30** Wally Whyton **8.00** Radio 2 Ballroom **10.00** Paul Jones: The Bryan Smith Orchestra plays music for sequence and old-time dancing **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with *Night Ride* **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

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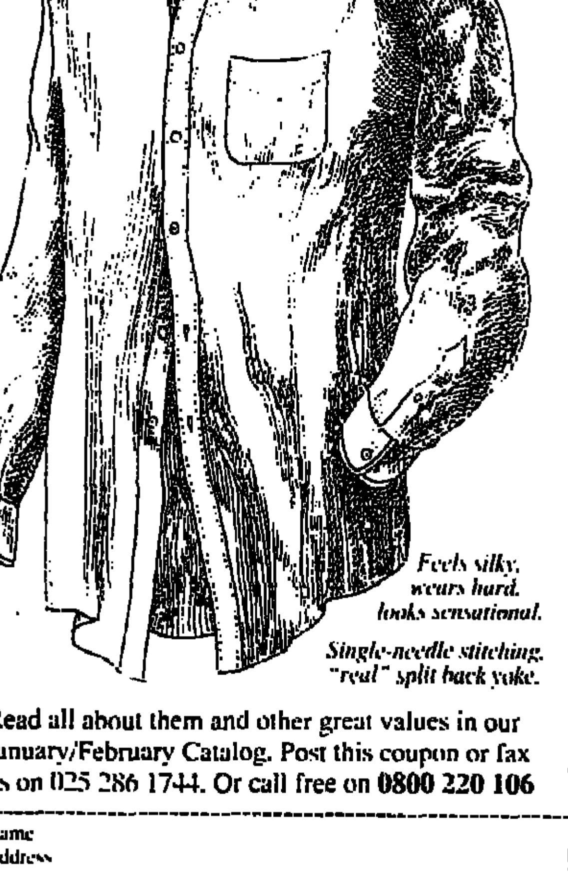
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British transfer record under threat

Keane linked to £5m deal after rejecting contract

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ROY Keane's decision to reject a new long-term contract with Nottingham Forest is likely to spark the biggest domestic transfer in British football. The Republic of Ireland international, 21 and widely regarded as the most accomplished midfield player in the Premier League, could cost in the region of £5 million.

Brian Clough, the Forest manager, had been hoping to persuade him to sign a new deal which would keep him at the City Ground for at least two years after his present contract runs out in 18 months. But Keane spurned the offer by deciding to keep his options open.

"He has decided to wait until the end of the season so that he can just concentrate on playing football," Ron Fenton, Forest's assistant manager, said. "He feels all the recent speculation about his future has been affecting his game."

Keane said: "The deal I was offered was an excellent one, but at this stage I don't feel there is any rush or panic to commit myself. Just because I haven't signed doesn't mean I won't stay with the club, but I don't feel now is the right time to put pen to paper."

With Forest, who have spent 21 weeks at the bottom of the table, fighting a rearguard action against relegation, Keane's decision is perhaps not surprising.

Blackburn Rovers — who set the British transfer record when they paid Southampton £3.2 million for Alan Shearer — Manchester United and Arsenal could all meet Forest's valuation, with Aston Villa also likely to be in the running when the bidding starts. But yesterday Liverpool emerged as the club most keen to set the ball rolling.

Graeme Souness indicated his interest in Keane earlier in the season with a failed attempt to lure him to Anfield, but the Liverpool manager, under growing pressure to revive the club's fortunes, might be able to interest Forest in a player-exchange deal.

Forest have still not replaced Des Walker, the England defender now playing in Italy with Sampdoria, and their top scorer last season, Teddy Sheringham, who joined Tottenham Hotspur. Should Souness offer Clough the likes of Mark Wright and Ronnie Rosenthal plus cash for Keane, it would give Forest something to think about, particularly in their present predicament.

Earlier in the season, Clough had a reported £600,000 bid for Andrew Cole, the Bristol City striker, turned down, and yesterday Kevin Keegan failed to capture the same player when a £1.3 million offer was turned down. Keegan, manager of the first-division leaders, Newcastle United, wants to strengthen his squad ahead of expected promotion to the Premier League, but Les Kew, the Bristol City chairman, said yesterday that he will try to keep hold of Cole, who moved to Ashton Gate for £500,000 from Arsenal last summer.

Cole, 21, has blossomed since moving to Bristol, scoring 14 goals this season. Arsenal are entitled to a third of any future profit, and Keegan — who watched Cole again in Bristol City's 2-0 FA Cup defeat against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday — must now decide whether to raise the stakes.

Kew may eventually sanction the sale of Cole, but he rejected Keegan's latest approach, saying: "While it is a lot of money for a club like ours, we are determined to keep our quality players. Andy is still improving and his value will go up in time."

Port Vale, the second-division club, yesterday emerged as favourities to sign David Speedie. The club's manager, John Rudge, has spoken to Ian Branfoot, his counterpart at Southampton, about a possible £250,000 deal for the unsettled former Scottish international forward. West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City have also been linked with Speedie, 33, after talks with Portsmouth broke down last week.

Speedie is presently completing a three-month loan spell with Birmingham City, but it is unlikely Birmingham will try to make the move permanent. Speedie wants a move nearer to his home at Tamworth in Staffordshire.



Sitting pretty: Tendulkar, left, and Kambli, friends from schooldays, relaxing in Chandigarh yesterday before today's one-day international

England show confidence in Salisbury

FROM PETER BALL IN CHANDIGARH

THE high level of organisation that Graham Gooch has brought to the England team may not have won complete admiration in England, but it has impressed opponents. The Indian management is trying to copy the England approach in its preparations for both the Test series and the one-day internationals, the second of which began here early this morning.

Following India's disastrous tour of South Africa, Ajit Wadekar, the team manager, has set out to instil a more disciplined approach. A curfew has been imposed, with wives excluded from the team hotel, and from now on the the players will have to travel in uniform. Wadekar is also trying to bring more organisation and purpose to the Indian practise sessions.

"I want us to look like a cricket team at least," the manager said. There may be a little way to go, on the evidence of yesterday's net sessions. England's approach was carefully structured: the home side's rather less so.

Wadekar is keenly aware that fielding can tilt the balance between otherwise evenly matched sides in one-day cricket, especially after one or two glaring lapses by the Indian team on Monday in the match at Jaipur, where England's superiority in that area was marked, reflecting the stress that Gooch lays on total commitment.

He returned to this theme yesterday. "It is a great honour to play for your country, so you've got to give your best all the time," he said. "Anything less is not good enough."

John Emburey won Gooch's praise yesterday for the way he had thrown himself around to save runs at Jaipur. But these exertions have taken their toll on the 40-year-old off spinner and a groin strain kept him out of today's match.

With Tufnell suffering from an upset stomach and feeling off-colour, Salisbury was included in the 12, a surprise birthday present for someone who was not even in the squad two weeks ago. It leaves something of a question mark against the original selection.

The change is unlikely to make much difference to England's confidence, which is sky high after Monday's narrow victory.

If they win today it would be a timely boost with the first Test starting next week, although its effect on the interest in the remaining one-day internationals may be less happy.

"Going two up is a good lead in a six-match series," Gooch said, adding not for the first time that "winning games can be a habit and it builds up confidence. That can help you to steal games you might not otherwise have won when you haven't played so well".

Tendulkar's task, page 38
Athey's plea, page 38

TOMORROW
The Times, in conjunction with Sky Sports, offers two readers the chance to win a trip to the second Test between India and England in Madras next month.

League has talks over new deal

THE Football League has had "two or three meetings" with potential sponsors interested in replacing Barclays as the competition's backers next season (Louise Taylor writes). Although the recession and breakaway Premier League have limited the Football League's options, Lee Walker, who is looking after the latter's marketing, said: "We are still a very attractive product to sponsors."

Such attraction is greatly increased by the four-year £6 million television contract the Football League signed with ITV to televise its matches on December 30, 1991. Some games will be networked and others shown in their relevant regions, but regular terrestrial television coverage should prove a magnet to sponsors.

BOA considers funding elite

THE British Olympic Association (BOA) is to consider setting up a fund to help competitors of gold medal potential who cannot obtain sponsorship to continue training and competing full-time (John Goodbody writes).

One notable example is Steve Redgrave, who has won rowing titles at the past three Olympic Games, and would like to try to win a fourth in 1996, something that no Briton has achieved in successive Games.

Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, said after a meeting yesterday: "We are very concerned that the man who carried the British flag in Barcelona and thrilled us all with his outstanding performances still cannot obtain sponsorship."

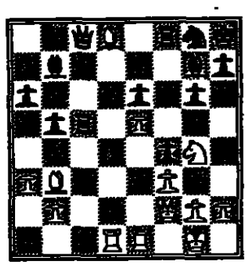
The BOA will discuss his case, and others like it, with the Amateur Rowing Association, Sports Council and Sports Aid Foundation, which has helped to fund Redgrave over the past ten years. However, the BOA stressed that any fund could only supplement money for outstanding competitors.

In the past, the BOA has not directly aided competitors with money, although for the 1972 and 1976 Games, it did give financial support to teams in special training.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short's Candidate's Final match against Jan Timman is currently in progress. This position is a variation from a previous encounter, Timman — Short, London 1982, and serves warning of how dangerous an opponent Timman can be. What crushing blow did Timman have in mind here?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

RICHARD
a. A private detective
b. A girl
c. A big French red beet

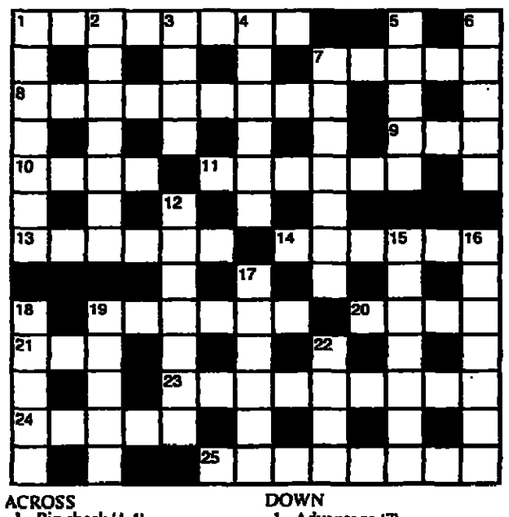
SPIELRAUM
a. The range of possibilities
b. A brothel
c. Gift of the gab

BEACONITE
a. A permeable plastic
b. A carbon stratum
c. A Quaker sectarian

JETTATURA
a. Widow's black weeds
b. The evil eye, a Jonah
c. Singer's crescendo

Answers on page 35

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3001



ACROSS
1 Pig cheek (4,4)
7 Snappy sound (5)
8 Fusser (9)
9 Full group (3)
10 Satiate (4)
11 Recluse (6)
13 St Paul's birthplace (6)
14 Locations (6)
19 Pester (6)
20 Interlace (4)
21 Prohibition (3)
23 Gloss over (9)
24 Mountain ash (5)
25 From the intellect (8)

DOWN
1 Advantage (7)
2 Nominal (7)
3 Film excerpt (4)
4 Leg ornament (6)
5 Winner (5)
6 Slide (5)
7 Fragment (7)
12 Rebuff (3,4)
15 Man/horse (7)
16 School bag (7)
17 Italian canals city (6)
18 Terminate (5)
19 Muscles (5)
22 Yield (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3000

ACROSS: 7 Dear 8 Squander 9 Jiggle 10 Speedy 11 Tiny 12 Mark time 15 Weaponry 17 Take 18 Chalet 21 Let off 22 Trainers 23 Hush

DOWN: 1 Decisive 2 Craggy 3 Essex Man 4 Guts 5 Intent 6 Mend 13 Royalist 14 Make fast 16 Pelvis 17 Techy 19 Hard 20 Then

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Sudden death to keep game alive

John Goodbody is intrigued at the approach the Japanese are taking to their league football. They want drawn games banned

WHEN Gary Lineker plays football in Japan, he may never take part in a draw. The Japanese said yesterday that they want every match in their new league, which begins on May 15, to have a winner and a loser.

The move is part of what appears to be a national desire to make western sports more popular in the country, although there is a steadfast reluctance to change their own traditional activities such as judo and sumo, in which innovation is viewed always with suspicion and often with hostility.

In football, the Japan Professional League (J-League) is planning to send its leading officials to Zurich next month to discuss the proposals with Fifa, which disapproves their format for league matches.

However, more than 70 per cent of 2,000 Japanese spectators polled at the Nabisco Cup tournament last year, which experimented with sudden-death extra-time and also shoot-outs, supported the new format, which, if adopted, would be unique in any national league in the world.

Although the J-League refused to elaborate on the proposals, a Tokyo newspaper said that play in the new league would continue until somebody scored or, if nobody scored after two ten-minute periods of extra-time with no break, there would be a penalty shoot-out.

A spokesman for Fifa said: "We want the J-League not only to be a commercial success but well respected throughout the world in the traditional way of the game. The Japanese asked for our opinion and are still free to decide what they want."



Lineker: novel idea

Fifa will experiment with sudden-death finishes throughout the under-20 world championship in Australia in March, and the practice of penalty shoot-outs is commonplace in tournaments like the World Cup, as every Englishmen will remember with disappointment from 1990.

But it is not just the traditional rules of football which disatisfy the Japanese. In table tennis, Ichiro Ogimura, the president of the international federation (ITTF), yesterday said he wanted games reduced from 21 to 11 points to attract spectators. The ITTF executive council will give member countries two years to study a new 11-point game.

Ogimura, a former world champion, said the 11-point game had been played on an experimental basis for years in Japan with the number of games increasing from the best of five to the best of nine.

Motoo Fujii, the executive secretary of the Japanese Association, said the 11-point system, with serves changing hands after each point, instead of the present five, would result in more close matches with many deuces.

Both these proposals are in contrast with the Japanese approach to sports that they gave the world. In judo, they have opposed fighters wearing different coloured suits to help television with identification, preferring the tradition of both competitors wearing white.

In 1975, Isao Okano, the highly-successful manager of the national team, was pictured in a European magazine wearing a coloured suit, alongside the Dutchman Anton Geesink, another 1964 Olympic champion. Okano was quietly but promptly removed as team manager.

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